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Connally was real target of John Kennedy shooting, suggests new book

NEW YORK, Nov 21. (Reuter): When Lee Harvey Oswald shot at the presidential motorcade in Dallas 25 years ago this week, his target may not have been President John Kennedy but Texas Governor John Connally.

a forthcoming book suggests. Excerpts of "The Great Expectations of John Connally," by James Reston Jr to be published next year, were printed in Time magazine on Sunday.

Connally, who rode in the

limousine with Kennedy, was wounded in the rifle attack and the President was killed.

Reston recounts Oswald's stay in the Soviet Union, where his actions prompted the US Marine Corps to downgrade his dis-

charge from honourable to undesirable.

Spurned

Crushed, Oswald petitioned Connally to influence the Marines. He believed that Connally was Secretary of the Navy

but the Texan had left the post six weeks earlier and his office sent Oswald a perfunctory reply, Reston wrote.

"Oswald had been spurned by a fellow Texan, and he resented it," Reston wrote.

Saddam's son killed guard

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head wound.

Odai, 25, is the oldest of the President's five children.

In Nicosia, Cyprus, informed sources said that the bodyguard was particularly close to the President.

They said that a distraught President Saddam accompanied Gege's body to a church for funeral preparations.

The bodyguard, believed to be in his twenties, was the son of the President's male cook and the governess that raised his three daughters, the sources said.

Refer

The Nicosia sources also said a different version of the killing was circulating in Baghdad, with Odai shooting off the gun and the bodyguard killed while trying to quiet him.

Odai resigned as head of Iraq's

Political Committee after the incident, but retained his position as the head of the board of Saddam University, established earlier this year.

Saddam

said he personally investigated the murder and decided to refer the case to the judicial authority, "so that justice is done."

The Iraqi leader disclosed that Odai tried to commit suicide when he heard that Gege died and was himself hospitalised before being jailed three days later.

Bush names Darman as budget ...

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remember that."

On another subject, Bush said it would be premature for him to consider any specific proposals that might be put forth next month when Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev comes to the United States and meets with Reagan.

"It will be President Reagan's meeting," Bush said. "I'll be there as Vice-President of the United States and I expect they'll be aware when we're talking to the next President."

Bush emphasized the role that Thornburgh would have in fighting drug traffic, which he called "public enemy No. 1." He said Thornburgh "will work with me to fight drugs with every tool at our disposal."

Bush noted that Cavazos, a former president of Texas Tech University, is the first Hispanic to hold a cabinet post but added: "Overriding is Dr Cavazos' commitment to excellence in education."

Choice

Bush said his choice of Darman as the budget director underscores his determination to cut the budget deficit, which he said he would attack as soon as he takes office Jan 20.

"Because he understands the government and the economy so well, Dick will make sure the Bush administration hits the ground running," Bush said.

Benazir holds talks with ...

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Benazir has described herself as flexible and pragmatic but said Pakistan will face anarchy if she is denied the chance to become next prime minister.

She spoke in separate interviews with the news magazines Times and Newsweek published yesterday.

"I've lived with a lot of intrigue," she told Newsweek. "I'm very flexible unless pushed to the wall."

Arrogant

When Time remarked that she has been called arrogant, she replied: "It is good to have the idealism of youth. But there is a lot more pragmatism to life."

She said Pakistanis should think of their homeland as "a country where the military is seeking any pretext to intervene. I would not like to provide the pretext."

Kuwaitis ...

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He added that the University Council has endorsed some amendments on the current system, under which students are allowed to make up for the first five courses.

Probation

Dr Razzaq also said that the probation system reduced the minimum average to below 1.67 points for less than 60 earned credits and less than 2.0 points for over 60 earned credits.

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Floods ravage eastern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, Nov 21. (UPI): Thousands of residents fled their flooded homes today as rivers burst through banks and torrential rains and vicious winds ravaged eastern Malaysia. The death toll rose to three. Military forces were dispatched to the worst hit area to bolster beleaguered rescue workers after three days of monsoon driven by lashing winds.

A two-year-old girl drowned in the swollen Galas River, and a 70-year-old man was killed and four members of his family injured when a prayer house was knocked down by the strong gusts, officials said.

A 20-year-old youth who tried to swim across a river was swept away and reported missing.

Haji Yunus Hassan, among those at the prayer house, said, "The congregation stood up and within seconds the winds blew away the roof."

Inspectors Azim Bin Adam, co-ordinator at the flood relief centre, said the government has dispatched the Army and Air Force to beef up rescue efforts. "The waters are rising rapidly. We're searching for any more missing or dead."

With homes inundated with four feet (1.20 m) of water, an estimated 10,000 fled with only the belongings they could carry in the devastated coastal state of Kelantan where the raging Kelantan River and its tributaries overflowed banks.

"This is the worst flood we have ever experienced," said Abdul Ismail Bin Jamil, a storekeeper in the flooded town of Kota Bharu as the water encircled up to his door. "No one expected the river to burst."

Journalists at the office of the national news agency Bernama said water was waist-deep on the ground floor, but they were still working from the upper floors.

Al Azhar raps Satanic Verses

CAIRO, Nov 21, (AP): The Islamic world's most venerated institute, Al Azhar, yesterday joined other voices in condemning "Satanic Verses", a book that won Britain's Whitbread literary prize.

The novel, by Salman Rushdie, has been banned as blasphemous in the writer's native India and in some Arab countries.

Describing it as containing "lies and figments of the imagination passing as facts of Islam," the head of Al Azhar, Sheikh Gad Al Haq Ali Gad Al Haq called on Islamic organisations in Britain to join in taking legal steps to prevent the book's circulation.

In statements carried by the state-run Middle East News Agency, Sheikh Gad Al Haq also called on the Organisation of Islamic Conference to take action against the "distortion of Islamic history."

34 die as Pakistan downs Afghan plane 'by mistake'

PESHAWAR, Pakistan, Nov 21. (UPI): Pakistani officials admitted error in the downing of an Afghan military transport plane that was blown from the sky, killing 34 people, when it strayed across the border.

"The plane was hit by mistake," said one official who spoke yesterday on the condition of anonymity.

"Ordinary gunners cannot differentiate between warplanes and transport planes, and this one came very low and appeared as if it was about to drop bombs and gave no signals, so they fired at it," the official said.

Witnesses said Afghan rebels in the area fired into the air in jubilation after the plane was downed.

Shot

A government statement issued in Islamabad said only that an Afghan plane had violated Pakistani airspace and was shot down.

In recent months Afghan warplanes have crossed into Pakistan several times, sometimes bombing and strafing villages and causing many casualties. Pakistani jets have shot down at least four of the intruding warplanes.

Kabul and Moscow have accused Pakistan of violating the April 14 Geneva accords on Afghanistan by continuing to harbour Muslim rebels and funnel arms supplied by the United States, China and some Middle East nations.

Aquino defends 1,000-day record

MANILA, Nov 21, (Reuters): President Corazon Aquino today made a ringing defence of her first 1,000 days in power. She said she had put relations with the United States on a more equal footing, revived the economy and dealt a blow to communist insurgents.

In Manila, troops were put on alert as mini-bus drivers staged a strike coinciding with the 1,000-day anniversary to protest against government-imposed fare cuts. The strike crippled transport in some areas and stranded students going home from schools, which were closed early.

Police estimated that by early afternoon 50 per cent of the privately run mini-buses known as jeepneys had joined the strike, though in some areas traffic was virtually normal.

Arrest

Police said they had arrested the leader of the strike for sedition. Twenty others were detained for stoning buses and blocking traffic.

In the speech to members of Congress and her government, Aquino vowed to crack down on big-time smugglers and tax evaders and said criminal charges would be filed soon against ousted leader Ferdinand Marcos.

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Premadasa (left), Ossie (second left) and Mrs Bandaranaike in talks with De Silva (second right).

Candidates call for fair elections in Sri Lanka

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Nov 21, (Agencies): Israel's cabinet will consider taking sanctions against Egypt, such as delaying resolution of a border dispute, following Cairo's recognition of a declared Palestinian state, a government official said today.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Israel's 10-member decision-making cabinet would discuss Egypt's move at its meeting Wednesday and debate taking possible sanctions in response.

One sanction idea likely to be raised was delaying an Israeli withdrawal from the Taba beach in northern Sinai, he said.

Violation

Israeli Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin charged today that Egypt had violated the spirit of the Camp David accords by recognising the Palestinian state.

Meanwhile, PLO chief Yasir Arafat and Iraqi President Saddam Hussein yesterday urged non-aligned countries to fully recognise Palestine, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

King Hussein of Jordan said yesterday the PLO has met American conditions for a place in Arab-Israeli peace talks and suggested Israel and the United States were blocking peace.

Hussein made the comments in an interview on CBS television's "Face the Nation" programme.

"I believe the PLO has gone as far as it was asked to go, and has contributed its share for progress towards a just and comprehensive peace," the King said.

The European Economic Community said today that decisions approved by the Palestine National Council last week included positive steps towards a peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli conflict.

But, in their first common statement on the PNC's proclamation of a Palestinian state, the 12 EEC foreign ministers fell short of recognising it.

COLOMBO, Nov 21, (AP): The three candidates in next month's presidential election urged the government today to make sure the polling is free and fair.

An estimated 9.3 million residents on this Indian Ocean island of 16 million people are eligible to vote in the Dec. 19 election, which will choose a successor to President Junius Jayewardene.

At a joint news conference today, the three candidates urged election commissioner Chandananda de Silva to make sure everyone has an opportunity to vote.

"It is evident everybody wants impartial elections," said Mrs Bandaranaike. However, she added, "we are being threatened by some organisations."

Hirohito could live another month

TOKYO, Nov 21, (AP): Doctors believe ailing Emperor Hirohito could live another month if his heart continues to function normally, a news report said today.

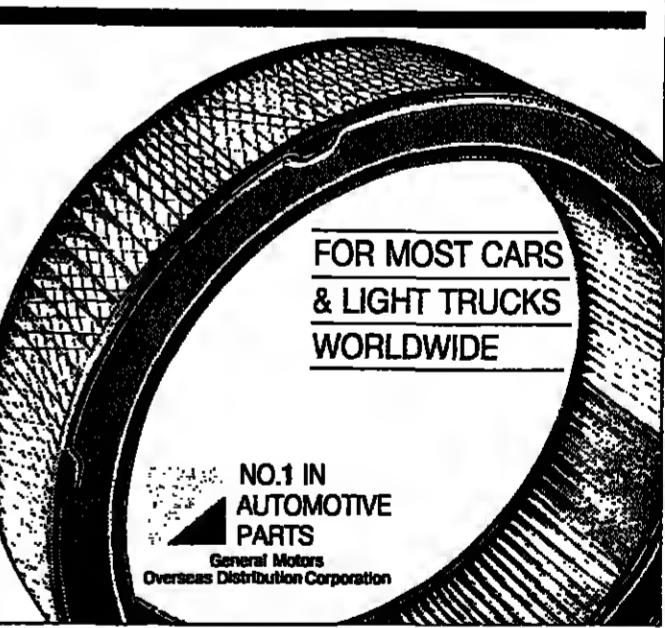
The 87-year-old monarch lay in feeble but stable condition in his Imperial Palace bedroom more than two months after falling seriously ill with an intestinal haemorrhage.

As his heart is normal, the liver and kidney functions may be maintained for more than one month at current levels if there are no large discharges of blood," the Kyodo News Service quoted palace physicians as saying.

Hirohito passed his 13th morning with no signs of further blood discharge today, palace spokesman Kenji Maeda said. Doctors have speculated that a scab may have stopped a

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Three European defence envoys visit UAE

ABU DHABI, Nov 21, (Agencies): Britain's Defence Secretary George Younger conferred today with his counterparts in the United Arab Emirates during a short visit before proceeding to Saudi Arabia.

The official Emirates news agency WAM said Younger was received by the Deputy Supreme Commander Sheikh Khalifa Bin Zayed and Defence Minister Sheikh Mohammed Bin Rashed.

The agency said they discussed military co-operation between the two countries and the situation in the region after the Aug 20 cease-fire between Iraq and Iran.

WAM said Sheikh Mohamed stressed the importance of peace in the Gulf for the sake of world peace and security.

British embassy sources in Abu Dhabi said Younger was discussing Gulf security and other defence issues of mutual

interest, but declined to elaborate.

Younger's visit to the UAE coincided with the arrival of French Air Force Commander General Achille Lerche, who like Younger, arrived late Sunday.

Lerche is heading a military delegation and will hold talks with UAE Air Force officials, according to diplomatic sources in Abu Dhabi.

Unofficial sources said the talks are likely to focus on training programmes and the supply of equipment for the UAE Air Force.

France is the UAE's biggest arms supplier. The UAE Air Force has more than 30 Mirage fighter planes.

The sources refused to comment on any connection between the visit and the UAE-France deal for 36 Mirage-2000 jet fighters which has been frozen due to

244 killed, 191 hurt in traffic accidents

FROM January to September, 244 people were killed in traffic accidents in Kuwait, according to Major Yaqoub Al Fadalah, head of the awareness division at the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior.

Al Fadalah said that in the first nine months of this year, there were 1,662 traffic accidents in Kuwait. One hundred and sixteen people were seriously injured in these accidents and 75 people received minor injuries.

Awareness

Al Fadalah gave the statistics during a recent seminar organised by Kuwait's Roads Safety Society.

Most of these accidents were caused by poor drivers, he said.

He called on authorities to make efforts to increase public awareness of traffic rules and

differences on technical specifications.

Italian Minister of Defence Valerio Zanone will also arrive in the UAE on Tuesday on a short visit to the country. Italian embassy sources said.

Zanone's visit coincided with the Italian decision to withdraw its naval forces in the Gulf by year-end. "The defence minister came to pay farewell to the Italian forces before they start withdrawal and to meet UAE officials to thank them for their co-operation during the Italian presence in the Gulf," said one of the sources who could not be identified under embassy rules.

Italy and Britain, along with France, Holland and Belgium had joined the United States in posting naval contingents in the Gulf in 1987 to counter the threat to Gulf shipping posed by the Iraq-Iran war.

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Zoo imports more animals

MUSA Al Khashti, head of the Zoo Department at the Public Authority for Agriculture and Fish Wealth, said that the zoo at Omariya has imported a giraffe, African crocodiles, American lions, and several kinds of monkeys and mountain goats. Different kinds of birds, were also brought to the zoo, he added.

Visitors

The zoo receives about half a million visitors a year and the number is increasing, Al Khashti said.

There were 203,100 visitors in 1983, compared to 524,000 in 1987, he said. The zoo has 55 kinds of mammals which include 239 animals and 354 birds belonging to 63 different species.

Information on each animal and bird is provided to visitors. The zoo also offers entertainment facilities for children.

GCC states consider acquiring own satellite

KUWAIT, Nov 21, (KUNA): Bahraini Information Minister Tariq Al Mu'ayid said the Gulf Co-operation Council states are considering the acquisition of a satellite of their own.

Al Mu'ayid, told a local daily today that half of the capacity of the Arab satellite (ARABSAT), since it was launched, has not been used.

He added that the idea of launching satellites is also being considered by a number of Arab states and this trend must be encouraged.

Discussing the Gulf television transmission, the Bahraini minister said that he was always against the idea of one unified Gulf TV. He would like to see variety and competitive TV stations to enable Gulf inhabitants to choose what interests them.

Replying to a question on Gulf information co-operation, Al Mu'ayid indicated such co-operation existed a long time ago and was first embodied when the Gulf Co-operation Council was established.

"It is not enough that (GCC)

information ministers agree on the charter of media owners ... There should be an exchange of feeling between the press and information ministers on how to implement these pacts," he said.

"We feel there is a possibility of achieving this (GCC pact) as a true desire to co-operate exists in the Gulf press," he added.

The GCC, which groups Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates in a political and economic alliance, is due to hold its 1988 summit in Bahrain in mid-December.

Officials plan to cut costs for medicine

KUWAIT'S health centres use about KD20 million of medicine per year. There are plans to reduce this amount to KD18 million per annum, a reduction of 5 per cent, according to an authoritative source.

Policy

Speaking to Al Rai Al Aam newspaper, Ibrahim Al Mudhaif, assistant undersecretary for medicine and medical supplies affairs at Kuwait's Ministry of Public Health, said that Kuwait's medical policy was formulated to provide optimum health care services and is well organised.

He added that all medical stores at the ministry have been computerised to register and dispense medicines. All health centres of the country have been linked to the computer network at the medical department the official said.

Imported

Medicines are imported into Kuwait by the Ministry of Public Health in two distinct ways. Vital and dangerous items such as those related to diabetes, blood pressure, heart and arteries as well as some specialised antibiotics are imported through direct inquiry and negotiations. Other medicines are obtained through public tenders, Al Mudhaif added.

Curricula in private schools in Kuwait (both Arabic and foreign) do not contradict with the general guidelines from the Ministry of Education, Al Mudhaif said.

Private schools strive for excellence: official

MOHAMMED Al Saddah, deputy chairman of Kuwaiti Union, owners of private schools, said the owners do their best to develop the educational process.

Arabic private schools were opened because government schools could not accommodate all expatriates. Foreign schools were opened to help citizens and expatriates obtain an education suitable to their own cultures, he said.

Private schools reduce the state's education expenses. The cost of a pupil in public schools is KD850 per year compared to KD200 including subsidisation paid by the state in private schools, he added.

Private schools offer an advanced level of education

which can be clearly seen in the results of the Secondary School Certificate, the official said.

Tuition fees at private schools in Kuwait are less than those of private schools in other Arab countries. In Bahrain, the fees are about BD550, Jordan, JD300 compared to an average of KD200 in Kuwait.

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Embassy closed

DUE to the birth anniversary of Guru Nanak Dev, the Embassy of India will be closed on Wednesday, November 23.

BAHRAIN DIGEST

Plan for locust control

AN international expert arrived in Bahrain yesterday to study a plan for locust control on the island.

Ahmed Khazvina, regional locust control officer from the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), will discuss the issue with government officials during his two-day stay.

According to Siddiq Al Alawi, assistant undersecretary for agriculture, Bahrain has effectively controlled the recent arrival of locusts to the island.

He said that discussions with Khazvina will be on preparations to face any future invasion of locusts. The FAO expert will be informed about the materials used and measures taken so far by the authorities here to combat locusts.

Alawi said locusts did not damage Bahrain's crops as the extension officers kept the situation under control with constant vigilance.

Khazvina, who is attached to the International Locust Control Centre in Jeddah, is also touring other Gulf states to assess the locust situation in the region.

Alawi said that measures taken by Saudi Arabia and Oman to combat locusts will be studied and an effective co-ordination programme with the Jeddah Centre will be worked out.

Comedy hit debut

THE West End comedy hit "Bed Before Yesterday" made its Bahraini debut in a gala opening at the Hilton Hotel on Sunday.

Written by Ben Travers, the play, set in 1930, depicts marriages of convenience among the British classes with hilarious consequences.

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Shelia Hancock brilliantly portrays Alma, the frigid rich woman who falls for Kean, a working class unemployed man. Alma, middle aged, hates anyone or anything to do with sex, only to be awakened in the autumn of her life to the joyful experience of physical love — thanks to a young prostitute, a nymphomaniac Cockney landlady and a womanizing renowned actor.

Her subservient husband, superbly underplayed by David Stoll, pretends to understand and respect her aversion to sex. This is fine with the husband as he does not particularly find her sexually attractive.

Alma, obsessed with sex and determined to make the "most of it," flies off unexpectedly to discover the joys of sexual love, only to come back dejected with no sense of self-respect. Just when she thinks all is well of home she suspects infidelity with the promiscuous landlady. But the day is saved when Kean confesses his intentions, but denies indulging in the act.

The cast is comprises excellent supporting actors such as Mark Allen, who plays Kean's rowdy rebellious son, Aubrey, Sara Crowe, who plays the prostitute, George Camiller who plays the gangster and David Killitch who plays the actor.

"Bed Before Yesterday" was brought to Bahrain by the British Airways Theatre and sponsored by the British Airways. It runs until Thursday.

Winter fashions show

THE Gulf Hotel will hold the first show of the Winter Collection Fashion Parade 1988 in the Al Murjan Restaurant on Thursday.

The opening show of this popular event will introduce the latest winter selections from Benetton clothes boutique.

All arrangements, including the choreography, make-up and hairstyling, are conducted by Albert Goya.

The fashion parade will take place at lunch-time every Thursday until Dec 15.

Fire Department begins information campaign

KUWAIT'S Fire Department has begun an information campaign designed to educate the public on the prevention of fire hazards, according to the daily Al Seiyasah.

The campaign falls within the framework of the department's preparations for the desert excursion season which will begin on Dec 1.

Specialists

The department will organise several seminars and rallies to be held in co-operation with other authorities. Specialists will be invited to participate and discuss fire prevention and protection, the official said.

The daily quoted the director-general of the Fire Department

Zakat House plans to offer training projects

ZAKAT House's five-year plan will include a large number of projects intended to develop and train staff and manpower through training projects aimed primarily at Kuwaiti employees in higher and middle administrative posts.

Fuad Al Omar, the director-general of Zakat House, in an interview with Al Seiyasah said the house is developing its departments through modern methods to ensure customer satisfaction and speed up the processing of treatment posts.

Assistance by the house for fire fighting and first-aid teams. The offices will work round-the-clock to protect citizens and camps for the dangers of fire, Abdurazzak said.

POWs exchange delayed

GENEVA, Nov 21, (Agencies): The start of the repatriation of sick and wounded prisoners of war from Iran and Iraq had been postponed until Thursday, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said today.

The release of a first wave of 411 Iranians and 1,158 Iraqis was originally due to have started on Sunday, but was first delayed until Tuesday, and now ICRC officials say that it will not start until Thursday at the earliest.

Technical

ICRC spokeswoman Françoise Derron said that the delay was caused by "technical questions," but she declined to elaborate.

According to an Iraqi Foreign Ministry spokesman quoted today by a Western news agency, the ICRC had told Baghdad the delay had been requested by Tehran.

The two sides in the Gulf conflict agreed earlier this month to release all sick and wounded prisoners by the end of the year, with previously registered POWs in the group leaving before Dec 5. Prisoners captured since the start of 1987 who have not yet been registered by the Red Cross will make up the second wave.

Promised

The Red Cross has said that both Iran and Iraq have promised to provide complete lists of all other disabled prisoners, who will be repatriated in another exchange beginning Dec 5.

The ICRC has registered 19,284 Iranian prisoners in Iraq

and 50,184 Iraqis in Iran, but estimates are that each side holds an additional 20,000-30,000.

The Red Cross plans to use a chartered DC-9 jet to fly the prisoners between Tehran and Baghdad, carrying roughly 40 Iranians and 100 Iraqis each day, under a principle of proportionality according to the overall numbers held by each side.

Under Red Cross plans, each side must hand over prisoners in sequence, according to lists drawn up when the POWs were registered by the Red Cross two years ago.

While Iraq has said that it is ready to comply with the Third Geneva Convention and release all of the prisoners now that there has been an end to active hostilities; the Iranians insist that no mass exchange can be made until Iraqi troops leave Iranian territory, under a deal to be worked out in the Geneva peace negotiations.

An agreement to exchange the sick or wounded was the only tangible result of several rounds of peace talks following the Aug 20 ceasefire in the eight-year war.

Nad Al Nageeb, the ministry's undersecretary, and other senior officials will participate in a symposium on Dec 3 at the Teachers Society headquarters.

Contract signed

KUWAIT, Nov 21, (KUNA): A contract was signed here today with a local company to design and construct buildings and facilities in the West Fintas project at the cost of KD1,377,567.

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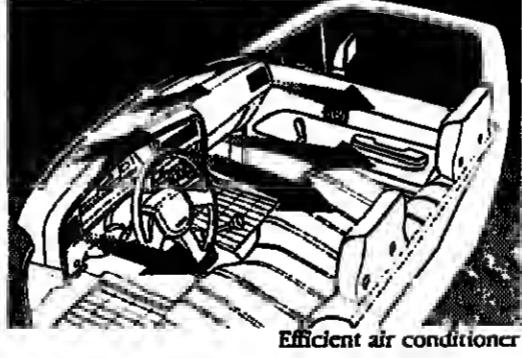
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Municipal elections

Brazil takes sharp turn to the left

By Jorge Mederos

BRASILIA, Brazil. (AP) The strong showing by left-wing candidates in Brazil's municipal elections has raised the profile of opposition challengers for the 1989 presidential race.

Left-wing parties took control in 10 of the nation's largest cities in what was seen as a rejection of President Jose Sarney's policies. Leftists candidates now go into the November 1989 presidential balloting, the first in 29 years, in a strong position.

Sarney and his allies have controlled Brazilian politics since the nation returned to civilian rule in 1985 after 21 years of military government.

Public opinion surveys indicated that voters were dissatisfied with record inflation, political corruption, plugging purchasing power and near-constant strikes. Citizens are hating Sarney's Centrist Democratic Movement Party for inflation that threatens to hit 2,000 per cent and rising unemployment.

In last Tuesday's balloting, 75 million Brazilians in all 26 states chose candidates from 29 parties for mayoral seats and city councils.

Capture

Brazil has three more seats than it did in 1986. Sarney's party had captured 22 of 33 state governorships in 1986 and swept the last municipal elections in 1985. This time, it won the mayor's seat in only four state capitals.

In next year's election, a runoff between the top two finishers will determine the winner if no candidate wins a majority in the first round.

Various leftist parties won in Rio de Janeiro, Sao Paulo and eight other major cities. Still, no leftist party dominates nationwide and there is no guarantee they will forge a unified front in the presidential polling.

After the elections, Congressman Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, the leader and founder of the Workers' Party, is considered a serious contender for the presidency.

"It was a silent revolution," Lula, a former head of Brazil's radical Metalworkers' Union, told reporters. "The people

understand now that we are not just another protest vote, but a serious government opposition party."

He emerged as a strong left-wing rival to Leonel Brizola, who has been leading in the polls as the most popular candidate for president. Brizola, the former governor of Rio de Janeiro state who heads the Democratic Labour Party, saw his hand-picked candidate win as mayor in Rio.

The biggest surprise after Tuesday's vote was the projected victory in Sao Paulo of the Workers' Party candidate and self-proclaimed Marxist, Luiza Erudina. With 80 percent of the vote counted in South America's most populous city, the former social worker led Paulo Maluf, a former military-backed candidate for president, by 5 percent.

Erudina, 53, told reporters she would fund public health, transportation and abandoned children, in which she says "hardly anything ever was invested before" in the city of more than 12 million.

In Rio de Janeiro, the nation's second-largest city with more than 8 million people, Marcello Alencar of the Democratic Labour Party was leading Jorge Bitar of the Workers Party by 12 percent with about 50 percent of the votes counted.

Won

In Belo Horizonte, Brazil's third-largest city, 41-year-old Joao Pimenta da Veiga Filho won by a comfortable margin. He represents the left-centre Brazilian Social Democracy Party, a large group that recently broke away from Sarney's Democratic Movement Party.

Newton Cardoso, centrist governor of Minas Gerais state north of Rio where Belo Horizonte is located, saw all his candidates defeated and is concerned about the results.

Cardoso, in an interview with Globo, the nation's largest broadcasting network, said of the leftist tilt: "This is dangerous for the country."

The conservative daily O Estado de S. Paulo referred to the victory of leftist mayoral candidates in most southern states as the creation of a "red axis."

Tehran coming in from the cold

By Ralph Joseph

ATHENS. (UPI) Iran's resumption of full diplomatic ties with Britain is more evidence that Tehran is coming in from the cold in its relations with the West and some of its Arab neighbours, but there is one major exception — the United States.

Iran's Islamic revolutionary regime launched an aggressive campaign to woo the West earlier this year after Iraq gained dominance in the 8-year-old Gulf war. The new policy began to bear fruit almost before the ink was dry on a ceasefire agreement signed by the two adversaries in August.

However, Iran has maintained its public depiction of the United States as "the great satan."

Iran was one of only a few nations that did not send a congratulatory message to Vice-President George Bush on his election as president, and official Tehran Radio said on Thursday that Washington must return several billion dollars in frozen Iranian assets before any formal approach in relations with the United States could occur.

Impossible

Washington has insisted that diplomatic progress is impossible until Iran moves to help free nine Americans held hostage in Lebanon by Iranian-backed guerrilla groups.

Britain, however, agreed to renew normal relations on Thursday after nearly a decade of strained ties without having first gained the release of its three hostages in Lebanon, including Church of England envoy Terry Waite, or even freedom for two Britons imprisoned in Iran.

There were reports that the two sides discussed the hostages' fate in the Vienna negotiations that led to the resumption of full relations. As part of the agreement Iran pledged not to discriminate against British

businesses in Iran and co-operate in the case of the two Britons in an Iranian jail.

The clear break in British-Iranian relations began in May 1987, when an Iranian diplomat to Manchester, England, was caught shoplifting. Shortly afterward, Iranian Revolutionary Guards in Tehran kidnapped and beat up British diplomat Edward Chaplin, who was subsequently released.

After the incident Britain withdrew its entire staff from Tehran, and Iran left only one representative in London. The two nations stopped just short of breaking off diplomatic ties.

Iran launched its opening to the West at the height of the Gulf war, when the Islamic power found itself isolated diplomatically after a series of disputes with Middle East and European countries.

The first success for Iran's new approach occurred with France.

Electrons

Using the French presidential elections in May as a political backdrop, Iran worked out an agreement to release the remaining two French hostages in Lebanon in exchange for the restoration of diplomatic ties and the paying off of a \$1 billion loan made by the former regime of Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlavi.

Since the ceasefire was signed in August, Kuwait has renewed ties and icy relations with Saudi Arabia have begun to thaw.

Any change in the long-troubled relationship between the United States and Iran is bound to involve sensitive, tortuous diplomacy and would require at least some movement on the hostage issue, but there are some prospects for improvement.

Iran needs American support to prevent Iraq from resuming the war if the present stalemate in the peace talks continues. Tehran is also seeking US participation in postwar reconstruction.

Eight years of authoritarian rule

By Spencer Sherman

SEOUL, (UPI) Through eight years of authoritarian rule, former President Chun Doo Hwan said history compelled him to take power in a 1979 military coup.

Now, eight months after he became the first South Korean president to voluntarily step down, history has come back to haunt him. He and his family are caught up in a wide-ranging investigation of corruption and allegations of abuse of power.

Pressure is building on the government to settle the sticky problem of Chon's past and observers say President Roh Tae-Woo may have to step in to end the growing controversy as early as this week when he returns from a trip abroad.

Protests

Newspapers say the options for the former general include a public apology, return of "ill-gotten gains" if they are discovered, an internal exile to his provincial home town or a trial. Some reports say Chon should issue an apology and then take "a long trip" abroad.

Radical students are back in the streets, after a lull in violent protests during the Olympics, calling for the arrest of Chon and his wife Lee Soo-Ja for human rights abuses and corruption.

Formerly docile newspapers

have taken to calling Chon a "dictator" and "strongman" and state-run television pre-empted programming for three days to show a parliamentary interrogation of Chon's most trusted aides unprecedented in South Korea's 40-year history.

Even the ruling Democratic Justice Party, which Chon formed in 1980, has called for him to apologize for "wronodoings" and return any money he might have taken illegally while in power. "Chon has been well-advised to apologize," said the Korea Herald newspaper.

There has been no formal investigation of Chon and few facts uncovered to back up opposition allegations that Chon engaged in corruption on the scale of Ferdinand Marcos, accused in New York of investing \$130 million of stolen wealth in the United States.

Assets

Chon insists that his assets are worth under \$6 million, that he has no hidden wealth and sent \$600,000 overseas during his term. He has not been seen in public for more than six months.

But history turned against Chon last April when the opposition won control of the National Assembly. The three main

leaders of the opposition, and many of their followers, spent years in jail, under house arrest and banned from political life while Chon ruled.

President Roh, as part of a promise of democratic reform, has released hundreds of political prisoners and lifted draconian bans on speech, the press and political associations.

If Chon's crimes are as described by the opposition, an apology and return of yet undisclosed "ill-gotten gains" seems like a small price to pay. But the formal public apology holds an important place in Korean society and many feel it would be enough.

Supporters of the apology theory point to the case of Kim Hyun-Hui, the willowy North Korean agent who planted a bomb on a Korean Air jetliner last November that exploded, killing 115 people.

Confession

In a tearful confession last January, Kim apologized for the attack and said she should "die a hundred deaths" for her actions, which were aimed at frightening away Olympic participants.

After the apology, South Koreans embraced her, bachelors proposed marriage.

Lookalike actresses were chosen for sympathetic film portrayals and talk of punishment was dropped. She has still not been charged or tried for the mid-air terrorism.

There have been no suggestions that Chon would receive as solicitous a reception as Miss Kim, but her case illustrates the importance to Korean society of repentence.

Power

"A sincere attitude may find the people more... magnanimous than possibly expected," said the Korea Herald newspaper in a recent editorial.

Haiti leader's power base crumbling

By Edwige Balutansky

PONT-AU-PRINCE. (Reuters) Haiti's new military leader, General Prosper Avril, completed two months in government this week with his power base crumbling and random violence returning to the streets of his capital.

Avril, whose Sept. 17 coup was cautiously welcomed by Washington, faces discontent in

more political concerns could motivate President Roh Tae-Woo into attempting to sell Chun on the idea, local political observers and diplomats said.

"For all his dirty doings, he did set the first precedent of a South Korean president retiring," said one Western diplomat. "If he suffers too greatly, future presidents could think twice about giving up power."

Roh himself is a former general and was closely allied with Chun. When Chun launched his Dec. 12, 1979 coup that brought him to power, Roh moved troops, without permission, off the border with North Korea to

support Chun.

It is also unknown how much support Chun still has in the powerful military or how willing its leaders would be to come to Chun's aid if they thought he was mistreated.

Opposition leaders Kim Daeg Jung said recently, however, that the military was not a threat to South Korea's continuing democratic progress.

While Chun has not been directly accused of any crime, more than a dozen family members and associates have been investigated, charged or convicted since he resigned last February.

White House has become just a mirage for Democrats

that the Republicans begin each campaign with a huge advantage in the state-by-state electoral vote that determines the US presidential winner.

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that party's success at every other level of American politics.

The election strengthened the Democrats' hold on the House of Representatives, where they have held sway since 1955, and gave them at least one more seat in the Senate, where they have been in control for all but six years in the same period.

Pressure

Many Democrats say the Congressional election victories give them as much claim to a policy mandate as Bush and that the president-elect is already under pressure to compromise on a number of issues, including budget.

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But party liberals counter that Dukakis lost in part because his stated decision to run on competence, rather than ideology, made it tough to energize such Democratic core constituencies as blacks, trade union activists and other liberal-oriented groups.

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Some insiders say the Democrats must redesign their nominating system to reduce the

concerns of these voters.

"If we had a moderately liberal candidate who was tough on crime, strong on defence and who represents the values of the American people, he could do very well in the south and the Rocky Mountain west," Siegal said.

"But we have created a perception that we are out of touch with basic American values. The burden is on us to disprove it."

Money

Economic woes meanwhile have forced Avril to resort to a typical Duvalier manoeuvre, seeking money from businesses.

Last Friday, Avril asked the private sector to lend the government \$10-15 million, one local businessman said. The money was apparently to be used for barracks.

Italian Communist Party on the decline

all unprecedented events in the rigid run Communist Party.

So far, Occhetto has failed to stem the Communists' crisis. In an effort to placate party hardliners, he announced a critical attitude toward Christian Democratic leader Ciriaco de Mita's government, but on the local level has engaged in deals with the Mit's party to shut out the emerging Socialists.

This policy illustrates the Communists' dilemma.

European and American hostility about them out of the government in the past. In response, they modified their Marxist views and flirted with reformism, but a substantial share of the party balked, attributing ineffectiveness to abandonment of the old ideas.

The party shift to the Socialists, reversing the Italian anomaly of a large Communist and a small Socialist Party.

This strategy produced the remarkably long-lived and effective Craxi cabinet, which ran the country for three and half years.

Although favourable factors such as the drop in oil prices helped, Craxi's policies reversed the prevailing negative economic climate and guided the nation into its current impressive prosperity.

A further result: the accelerated Communist decline. Party leaders spearheaded a broad attempt to sabotage Craxi's policies, completely misinterpreting the country's wishes. The party emerged badly mangled from the June 1987 national elections and from two rounds of local elections this summer.

Most of the lost ballots took off toward Craxi's Socialists. In June, only four percentage points separated the two leftist parties. Communist General Secretary Alessandro Natta was bounced in favour of Achille Occhetto, publicly squabbling organized factions appeared, and local groups demanded the entire leadership's resignation.

For the Communists, the future appears bleak. If they abandon their tradition, they divide and weaken their party; if they don't, the crisis will worsen.

The Christian Science Monitor

Gorbachev's message to the West

Soviet-Cuban ties remain strong

By Gilles Trequier

HAVANA. (Reuters) Mikhail Gorbachev will use his forthcoming visit to Cuba to show that Moscow-Havana ties are still strong despite Western reports to the contrary, diplomats here say.

Diplomatic sources say the Soviet leader will arrive on Dec.

EVENTS

Fairies in the woods

BRAVO! exclaimed the audience, and applauded for a full five minutes as the stars of the Bolshoi and Lithuanian ballet curtsied on Sunday night, ending their two-day performance at the Andalus Cinema in Kuwait.

The 35 performers danced to a full-house — on both nights, Saturday and Sunday — captivating members of the ruling family, ambassadors, Kuwaitis and others representing a cross-section of the expatriate community in Kuwait.

There was some confusion when the programme, handed out at the door, was out followed. But this was a minor irritant set right by announce-

cements before the dancers took to the floor. They danced like fairies in the woods — ethereal and entrancing.

Tchaikovsky's adagio from the ballet "Swan Lake", danced by N. Beredina and Skirmantas set the pace; followed by Pugni's pas de deux from "The Festival of Venice", a piece bubbling with vigour.

The best moments were the arabesques of dancers Glebova and Kondratov in Le Corsaire and Pavlova and Barlin's glissades and fouettes in Chopin's La Valse and Beredina and Skirmantas pirouetting to Pugni's pas de deux from Esmeralda.

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The dancers who came to Kuwait kept a promise, despite the limitations of space on stage, making the best use of the chance to show off their skills. There was harmony in their movements, and grace in their dances.

If they had danced to live orchestra music and had the decor and stage been similar to the ones in Moscow, their performance would have been unforgettable.

The grace, elegance and perfect timing of dancers, coupled with some exceptionally good dancing, made Sunday night a truly memorable evening.

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Dancers captivate the audience. (Photographs by Raed Gutain)

WHAT'S ON**ARTS****Indian Contemporary Art Exhibition**

RICHES IN SPIRIT is the title of an exhibition of Indian contemporary art. Figurative art by 30 painters is on show at the Kuwait National Museum, daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 7 pm; until Dec 15.

Boushahri Gallery

UNTIL NOV 25: Indian artist Anurit Patel displays his paintings at the gallery, Salem Al Mubarak St., open daily from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 4-8.30 pm.

Painting Exhibition

UNTIL NOV 30: Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar is showing a collection of modern art paintings at the Kuwait National Museum; open during museum hours.

Ghadir Gallery

NOV 27-DEC 31: Paintings of Matthew Digby Wyatt (1820-1877) and antiques will be shown at the Ghadir Gallery, Salihia Complex. The show will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4-8.30 pm.

CINEMA**Aspects of Modern Soviet Cinema**

All films listed below are screened at 7.30 pm at the Chambers of Commerce and Industry auditorium.

NOV 22: "The Theme"; directed by Gleb Panfilov, starring Mikhail Ulyanov, Inna Churikova.

NOV 23: "Choice", directed by Vladimir Naumov; starring Natalia Belokhvostikova, Mikhail Ulyanov.

NOV 26: "Messenger Boy", starring Oleg Basilashvili, Anastasia Nemolyayeva, directed by Karen Shakhnazarov.

NOV 27: "Weirdo", starring Christina Orbakaite, Yury Nikulin; directed by Rolan Bykov.

MUSIC**Swiss pianist gives recital**

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jahra Ballroom, Meridian Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will

present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from Hilton lobby.

Rock the Night

NOV 23 (8 pm); Nov 24 (5 and 8 pm): Sounds Great's

show at Salmiya Cinema with music by Seventh Sky. Music of Def Leppard, Joan Jett, Gary Moore, Europe and Heart played by Seventh Sky. Tel: 5742567/; Riad — 5386294.

Filipino Song Festival

DEC 2: The Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at 4 pm. The venue will be announced later. All Filipinos are welcome.

Upasana

DEC 8: Upasana presents musical evening at IAC. Old and new songs from Malayalam, Hindi and other regional Indian languages will be presented.

LECTURE

British Council

NOV 26-29: A talk on education in Scotland will be given each evening to undergraduate and postgraduate study during a four-day promotion of Scottish universities and polytechnics at the British Council; 2 Al Arabi St., Mansouriya. Open from 9 am to 12.30 pm; 5-8 pm.

SOCIAL

Bangladesh Association

THE Bangladesh Association, Kuwait, will publish a souvenir on the occasion of Victory Day. Bangladeshis are invited to submit articles for the souvenir before Nov 30. For details call Zakir — 4741876; Musaddaque — 2414191; Yousef — 434555 ext 2754.

Kuwait Welsh Society

NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Truant Supper". For further details call 3713467.

HOTELS

At the Hilton

THANKSGIVING DAY: Faillaka features a special menu for lunch and dinner, offering roasted Virginia turkey with trimmings; open from 12.30 to 3 pm and 7.30 - 11.30 pm. La Palma will offer such traditional fare as baby turkey and other items, for lunch and dinner.

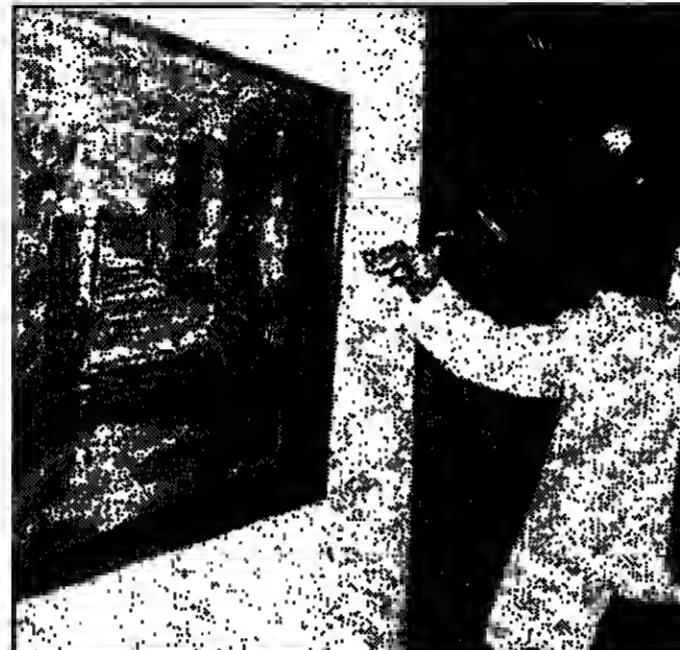
La Palma: Musical luncheon

Peacock Room: Chinese meals prepared by chef Voo Kiog. The menu features fried wanton, sautéed diced chicken with cashew and steak Chinese style.

Al Boom: "New Taste of the Week" prepared by chef Peter D. Zobrist. Appetisers, charcoal grilled steak and seafood, plus daily special.



Bolshoi dancers: graceful



Kuwaiti artist Fadel Al Abbar's first one-man show opened at the National Museum on Sunday. The collection reflects the artist's urge to capture the past on canvas. Above: Al Abbar explaining the concept of a painting to chief guest Abdul Rahman Al Mazroui, assistant undersecretary at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour.

Malayalam play

AN Abbasia-based Indian group, Gayathri Arts, recently launched their first production, a Malayalam play entitled "Karthika Pournami", at a ceremony held at the Indian Embassy hall.

Rehearsals have begun for the play, written by Chandramoh. Directed by Gayathri Arts president Nandakumar, it will be performed in April next year.

Dr K.T.B. Menon, an Indian businessman, was the chief guest. Indian First Secretary Varghese Gee presided and C.I. Philip proposed a vote of thanks.

At the SAS

AL BUSTAN Friday brunch: for families from 11.30 am to 3 pm, highlights include music by Polish duo Danuta and Feliks and video corner for kids.

Nendakumar (left) receiving the script of the play.

* All entries for the What's On column can be sent by telex (22332) to Events Section or hand delivered daily, except Thursday, from 12 noon to 4 pm, at the Arab Times Office in Shawka. Photographs will also be considered for publication. Phoned-in entries will not be accepted.

TELEVISION PROGRAMMES**KTV 1****MORNING**

9.00 Holy Quran
9.10 Good Morning
9.15 Dabdooh Al Musi
gar: cartoon serial
9.45 World News via
Satellite
10.00 Qulooh Al Baidah:
Arabic serial. Star
ring: Anwar Ismail,
Zahrah Al Ula,
Anwar Ismail, Hala
Fakher...
7.00 News Summary
7.30 You and Your
Health
8.30 Good Evening
9.00 News in Arabic
9.55 Makaan Fi Al Qalh:
Arabic serial.
10.45 Focus on Arah
Theatre.
12.00 News Summary
12.05 World News via
Satellite
12.30 Holy Quran/Close
down

EVENING

4.00 Holy Quran
4.15 World News via
Satellite
4.45 Ra'ad Al Amlaq: car
toons
5.15 Tum Tek and Chi
hi

KTV 2**water:**

"Science,
Salvage Or..."
News in English
8.40 Five Mile Creek:
Maggie's perturbed
after her fugitive hus
band's departure.
9.30 Easy Street: "Are
We?" Elaor's hus
band refuses to take
order. Starred: Loni
Anderson
10.00 Secrets and My
steries: examines the
Pearl Harbour attack
during World War II
10.30 Joe Wilson: a drug
addict reforms after
a chance meeting
with a girl.
11.30 News Summary
11.40 Magazine D'Actua
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CINEMA TODAY**Al Andalus**

The Last Hunter

Starring: David Warrick,

Tessa Farrow

Al Salmiya

Haunted Honeymoo

Starring: Gilda Radner,

Johnny Wilder

Al Hamra

Vigilante

Starring: Fred Williams

Drive-In

Malaf Samiya Sharawi

(Arabic)

Starring: Nadiya Al Jundi,

Farouk Fishawi, Kamal

Shimawi

Al Firdous

Ram Avtar (Hindi)

Starring: Anil Kapoor,

Sridevi, Sunny Deol

Fahsheel Open-Air

Mohabbat (Hindi)

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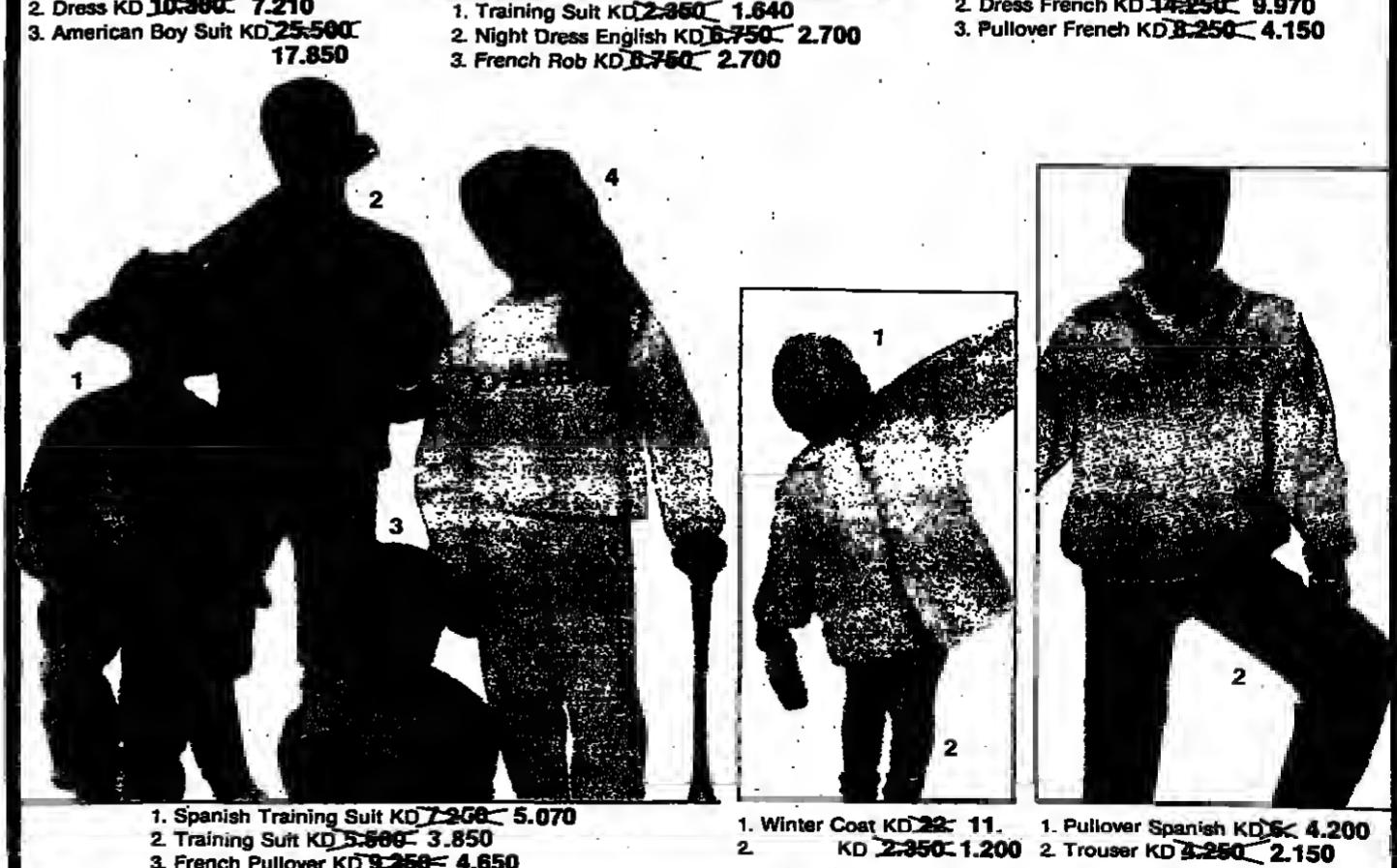
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Maghrib 4.50

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BIG SALE at The Grand Stores

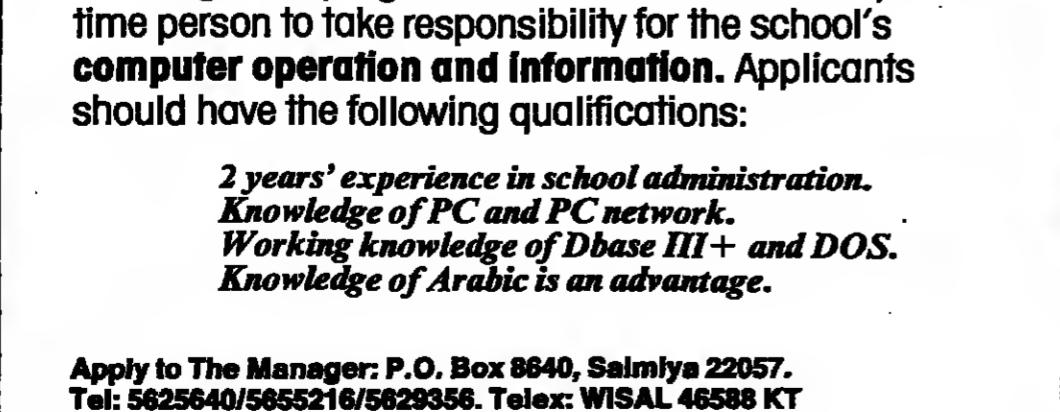
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'Kennedy was a human being, not King Arthur'

Setting the record straight on JFK

Today is the 25th anniversary of President John F. Kennedy's assassination. His former press adviser and close friend Pierre Salinger remembers the man and the myth.

FOR a long time, I remained silent in the face of a mounting campaign to denigrate and even destroy the image of John F. Kennedy.

He has been described as everything from a dangerous incompetent to a sex maniac. I think the time has come to set the record straight.

Kennedy was a human being, not King Arthur. His administration was not Camelot. It became Camelot only after he died, in the context of the vicious bullets that buried an exceptional man. Less than a week after his death, Jackie talked about the lines from a song he loved — *"Don't let it be forgot, that once there was a spot, for one brief shining moment that was known as Camelot."* "And it will never be that way again," she said. Camelot was a perfect word for a dream that had been shattered.

But almost 25 years later, has that dream really been shattered? JFK is dead. But the memory he left still creates a special aura, not only in the United States but around the world. And more and more, people are beginning to reflect on how different the world would be today if he had not died.

Success

The success of John Kennedy at the time of his death in November, 1963, was not something one could describe simply with facts. American presidents are, by virtue of the office, the most powerful men in the world. Kennedy, at that moment, was also the most popular man in the world, quite possibly the most popular man in all history.

Not only had he roused his countrymen from their post-World War II torpor; he had

seemed to kindle everywhere a vision about what humankind could and should be. His perpetual tan, expressive grey eyes and compelling face radiated promise.

He was at once elegant and accessible. Above all, he projected a belief in mankind's ability to determine its fate.

My first contact with JFK was in 1956. At the Democratic National Convention in Chicago, which I was covering as a reporter for Collier's magazine, the vice-presidential nomination was snatched away from him and handed to Estes Kefauver, the senator from Tennessee.

Kennedy's speech after he lost the nomination was brilliant. I was hearing a lucid and intelligent young man. He was going to be my candidate for president in 1960. Little did I know then that I would also be working for him.

Impressed

But less than eight months later, when Collier's folded, I was hired by his brother Robert F. Kennedy for the Senate Select Committee investigating labour racketeering. At the first public hearing in 1957, as I was sitting behind Bobby waiting for the first witness, a tall man sat down next to him. "Pierre, this is my brother Jack," Bobby said. I shook hands with John Kennedy.

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Economy is quite healthy, says Rifai

Japanese firm to set up joint venture in Jordan

AMMAN, Nov 21, (Agencies): Japanese industrial giant C. Itoh and Co. plans to set up a joint venture for paper processing in Jordan, a company official said today.

Iwao Endoh, the firm's general manager for the Middle and Near East, said he expected the project would be operational next year. It would be sited in one of Jordan's two free zones.

Endoh declined to name the Jordanian partner in the venture or disclose its cost, but he told Reuters agreement on the deal was close.

Opportunities

He said the venture would import bulk paper supplies from Japan or Europe for conversion into computer paper and other products to be sold in Jordan, Japan and other countries.

Endoh, heading a 19-member

team from C. Itoh on a four-day visit to Jordan, was briefed by officials on investment opportunities, tax incentives and steps taken in August to liberalise licensing procedures for Arab and foreign investors.

His mission was one result of a business delegation which Crown Prince Hassan led to Japan in April in a bid to stir Japanese investor interest in Jordan's two free zones.

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Projects

"We would like to find suitable projects to utilise that loan, but it is limited to public sector projects," Endoh said.

He said his company had a

strong interest in investing in Jordan's chemical industry, based on potash, phosphates and salts from the Dead Sea, but had made no commitments.

C. Itoh, with a world-wide network of 120 branches, could help to market Jordanian products, he said.

Asked about the impact of Jordan's current economic problems on investment prospects, Endoh said: "We would like to watch and see at what level the dinar's exchange rate stabilises," a lower dinar would encourage Jordanian exports, he said.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai yesterday termed Jordan's economy basically healthy, but said austerity measures were needed to cope with large debt payments in the next four years.

"In short ... our economy is quite healthy. Economic growth under the circumstances and

with the recession in the area has been excellent," he said in an interview with the Associated Press.

"Our real problem, perhaps our only problem, is the fact that we borrowed money over the last 10 years on the assumption that the Arab states were going to honour their commitments of the Baghdad summit."

But Arab aid only once matched the pledge of \$1.2 billion a year for a decade made at the 1978 summit. Only Saudi Arabia paid its full share of \$360 million a year.

Rifai said loans incurred in the first years of the commitment brought this country of 2.8 million people in its current foreign debt of nearly \$6 billion.

Service on that debt will peak at "close to \$300 million in 1989 through 1993, prompting the

government to impose austerity measures aimed at saving foreign exchange reserves.

Rifai said the government had no plans to reschedule or refinance those debts.

He said a series of import bans, an effectively devalued dinar and investment incentives should cut the country's balance of payments deficit to \$500 million next year from the previous \$1 billion.

In past years, Rifai said, Arab aid had been used to help cover that deficit.

Funds

"We could not continue living beyond our means indefinitely, relying on funds from outside that might not come," he said.

The country banned four new year imports of vehicles, some appliances, bricks, marble and some luxury items. It also

imposed stiff customs duties on those and other goods.

It put the dinar into a "managed float" that cut the currency's value to about \$2 from \$3 last year. The fall in the dinar triggered widespread anxiety in Jordan's business community.

The country also announced investment incentives and government budget cuts.

Rifai said in the month since investment rules were liberalised, "I think 450 companies have been set up to construct various industrial products. We're talking about close to 60 million dinars of investment."

He said "remittances from expatriates have increased this year," reaching 315 million dinars (\$660 million) so far.

He said those funds were fairly stable because they go to support families here rather than for

World Business Summary

Brazilian oil strike ends

SAO PAULO, Nov 21, (Reuters): Brazilian oil workers today ended a 10-day strike which the government had said threatened the country with chaos. The return to work brought an easing of tensions in a month which has seen the longest labour turmoil since civilian President Jose Sarney took office in 1985. The state-controlled oil company Petrobras said it expected most of its 61,000 employees to return to work today. The strike, the biggest in the history of Brazil's oil industry, halted all petroleum products exports and threatened the country with shortages of cooking gas, aviation kerosene and other fuels. Union leaders accepted a 15 per cent pay increase offered over the weekend. They had originally sought a 26.6 per cent rise. Sarney, in a radio broadcast last Friday, told the nation that if the strike continued it would cause chaos and revolt. Two days before the oil strike began, the Army stormed the strike-bound steel plant of Volta Redonda in Rio de Janeiro state, killing three workers, considerably heightening the atmosphere of crisis during the oil strike. At one point during the strike the government threatened to outlaw the stoppage, but it later backed down in a bid to ease tensions. The strike divided the government. Mines and Energy Minister Aurelio Chaves argued for a 20 per cent pay rise for the workers, but Finance Minister Mauro Nobrega and others in the government argued for a smaller increase.

With inflation at nearly 30 per cent a month, Brazil has experienced a rash of strikes in recent months which have disrupted public transport, electricity supplies, universities, the oil industry and the steel industry. The strike at Volta Redonda, which began on Nov 7, is still under way. The agreement that ended the oil workers' strike included a commitment by Petrobras not to punish strikers to introduce a six-hour shift within 60 days, and to give a four per cent productivity bonus. The oil workers had demanded a pay rise to compensate them for inflation in the month of June 1987. That month had been left out of a government programme linking pay rises to inflation.

Nabisco extends deadline for bids

NEW YORK, Nov 21, (Reuters): Tobacco and food giant R.J.R. Nabisco Inc said yesterday it has extended the deadline for bids for the company in the biggest corporate auction ever and disclosed a surprise offer by a group led by First Boston Corp. Nabisco's special board committee announced after a meeting it had extended the deadline, originally set to expire last Friday, by 11 days to Nov 29 at 5 pm (2200 GMT). It said a group consisting of First Boston and Resource Holdings Associates offered \$15.75 billion and the group planned to sell the company's food holdings for a \$13 billion note. The First Boston Group could ultimately pay shareholders \$98 to \$110 in a deal which could be worth up to \$25 billion, the company said. Kohlberg Kravis Roberts and Co on Friday made a cash tender offer of \$94 a share in a bid worth roughly \$22 billion. The offer was raised from a previous \$90 a share, or \$20.7 billion, bid. An RJR Nabisco management group along with Shearson Lehman Hutton Inc and Salomon Brothers Inc bid \$100 a share, or \$23 billion. The management group had previously bid \$92 a share, or about \$21.2 billion. Analysts said the complicated First Boston proposal appears to be the highest offer and virtually assures another round of bidding by the Nov 29 deadline. Nabisco said the committee decided not to recommend any of the proposals at this time. It said it extended the deadline because of varying terms, values and considerations associated with each bid. The company said the three bidders would be able to continue or finalise their current proposals, withdraw them or submit revised bids. A Kohlberg Kravis Roberts spokesperson said the company would consider its alternatives before deciding what further steps, if any, it might take.

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Salary commensurate with experience. For interview, telephone 2405235/6/7.

Riyadh wants to compete in US, European and Japanese markets

New Saudi oil firm takes over ARAMCO concessions

BAHRAIN, Nov 21, (Agencies): A newly-created Saudi state oil company is to assume control of the infrastructure taken over earlier from ARAMCO (the Arabian American Oil Company), Oil Minister Hisham Nazer said.

This will turn the Saudi Arabian Oil Company, whose formation was announced on Nov 9, into the biggest oil producer in the world, he told the official Saudi Press Agency.

Saudi Arabia took over the ARAMCO concessions operated by four US oil giants—Mobil, Texaco, Chevron and Exxon—in 1976 but did not create a formal institution to run them.

"When Saudi Arabia bought the infrastructure built by ARAMCO, it did not have the administrative apparatus in place and there was continuous co-operation in all fields between the new company and ARAMCO."

Meanwhile, Nazer said Saudi Arabia is seeking more

involvement in refining and marketing oil products as a buffer against swings in crude oil prices.

In an interview on state-run television, Nazer said the Saudi oil industry wants to compete in United States, European and Japanese markets through joint ventures with foreign oil companies.

The Saudi Arabian National Oil Company, which runs the kingdom's oil industry, recently launched a joint venture with Texaco Inc to refine and market petroleum in the United States.

"The American market is big and there is still more to it, while there is the very big market in Japan and Europe and Far East, and we as processors of oil must storm these markets and ... guarantee marketing outlets for Saudi crude oil," Nazer said in the interview, broadcast yesterday.

Nazer also mentioned plans for similar deals in European and

Japanese markets, noting that prices of refined products remain steady despite fluctuating crude oil prices.

"In case the price of crude oil drops, the income would be compensated somewhat through preserving the price levels of refined products," he said.

Declining oil prices since 1982 have meant six straight years of budget deficits in Saudi Arabia, the biggest producer among the 13 Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries. Saudi Arabia has the world's largest oil reserves.

Prices

The current world oil glut has forced prices down to about \$13 a barrel, well below the OPEC benchmark price of \$18.

Nazer said the kingdom's oil development strategy "would be lacking if it did not comprise all stages of the industry starting from the wellhead and ending with the gasoline station."

The Texaco deal gave the king-

dom a 50 per cent stake in three Texaco refineries and nearly 12,000 service stations in the United States. It was the first major Saudi attempt to guarantee outlets for its crude oil.

Revamping the Saudi oil industry also includes measures to improve profits at the state-run refining and marketing company Petromin, Nazer said. Petromin controls all but one of the kingdom's six oil refineries, operates three lubricants plants and distributes and exports refined products.

Petromin also controls exploration and development of non-oil mineral resources such as bauxite, the raw material for aluminium, and gold.

"The aim is to convert all of Petromin's tasks to profit centres that bring additional revenue to the state and then to reduce the expenditure costs in Petromin," Nazer said. He said savings of 500 million riyals (\$133 million) already have been made.

Japan a most promising market for Qatari gas

TOKYO, Nov 21, (OPECNA): Dr Jaber Al Marri, managing director of the Qatar General Petroleum Corporation (QGPC), now here to explore the Japanese market for Qatari Liquified Natural Gas (LNG), said that the prospects look most promising, especially in the 1990s.

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The production rise was led by the European Economic Community, whose steelmakers boosted their production by nine per cent in 12.3 million tons in October from 11.3 million tons a year earlier.

Growth in US steel production slowed in an increase of one percent in October to 7.4 million tons from 7.3 million tons in October 1987.

Meanwhile US steel imports for the first three quarters this

year was 16.1 million tons, up 8.2 per cent for the same 1987 period, two steel industry trade groups reported on Wednesday.

The American Iron and Steel Institute, which represents US steelmakers, said the 1988 imports thus far represented 20.6 per cent of the US market, down from 21.2 per cent in the first three quarters of 1987.

The American Institute for Imported Steel Inc, of New York, which represents 70 leading steel importers, said imports for the first nine months included 2.3 million tons of semifinished steel bound for US mills. Excluding the semifinished steel, AISI calculated raw steel imports at 17.7 per cent of the US market.

Delegates attending the last

scheduled day of the London talks said coffee-producing nations were likely to oppose both ideas and said they were uncertain how much support they would find among consumers. The US coffee industry itself is opposed to the stock retention scheme, US delegates said.

Rejected

Coffee producers rejected on Tuesday a proposal by consumer nations for a "universal quota" which would bring all exports under the organisation's price and output rules.

Brazil, the biggest producer, made a counterproposal on Thursday that would call on central banks to make sure coffee was being sold to members and non-members at the same price.

But the suggestion was not well received by consumers including West Germany, Britain, the Netherlands and the US. Brazil's delegate acknowledged.

Delegates said the negotiations, which formed the first round of talks for a new pact, were confused and it was difficult to see if any progress had been made towards narrowing differences between producers and consumers.

All members of the present pact, administered by the International Coffee Organisation from its London headquarters, agreed earlier this year to seek a replacement.

Economic Forum holds annual general body meeting

NRI group gives guidelines to expat Indian investors

THE Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Investors Group Bahrain, held its annual general body meeting at the Diplomat hotel in Bahrain.

The meeting, organised by the Bahrain chapter of the Institute of Engineers (India) and the Institution of Chartered Accountants, was attended by nearly 100 committee members and guest speakers from various professions in the island.

Nevin Meghani, president of the group, spoke about the role and objectives of the group in Bahrain. He said that the NRI Investors Group, also known as an "Economic Forum" was established to assist expatriate Indians in the country by providing information on setting up a business venture back in India.

"We are here to help our fellow non-resident Indians solve any

problem they may have on investing in any commercial project in India. Basically we provide them with useful information and guidelines on what they should expect before setting up an industry in India. We tell a prospective investor living outside India about the rules, facilities and industrial laws that exist for starting any kind of business."

Meghani highlighted the activities of the group in Bahrain over the last few months. He said the group has been keeping NRI's informed about business opportunities in India. He called for more volunteers to help in the work of the group. He said there are a growing number of talented professional NRI's in Bahrain whose support and involvement are keenly sought by the group.

R.N. Ghosh, a leading

mechanical engineer employed with the Ministry of Works, Power and Water, presented a paper on industrial opportunities for NRI's in India—focusing on "service organisations as a support to industries" and "service organisations for the repair of products and refurbishment of spare parts."

He emphasised the importance of plant and equipment maintenance in both heavy and service industries in India to ensure production of quality goods. He said India particularly lacks maintenance facilities for petrochemical industries and agriculture.

"At the moment India does not have a single industry with proper maintenance facilities, unlike the developed countries," said Ghosh, who also works for some of India's biggest industrial

houses including Birla. A chemist also employed with the Ministry of Works, Water and Power, cited the example of Latex Glue as possible industrial project in India for NRI's.

He said Latex Glue, a good deterrent against AIDS, could be a suitable project for an overseas Indian investor. According to him, such a project should cost Rs. 110 lakhs (inclusive of plant and equipment) and generate a turnover of Rs. 2 crores. The plant would be operational non-stop for 300 days in a year.

Problems

N. Muruganathan, a chartered accountant employed with Bahrain Airport Services, presented papers on financial matters, including taxation, related to setting up of an industry in India. He said one of the common problems facing NRI's

investors is their ignorance of financial considerations and industrial laws for small, medium and large scale industries in India. He emphasised the importance of adequate market research.

The stock market in India, the Bombay Stock Exchange was discussed by P.G. Parikh, a top financial consultant from Bombay. He detailed the procedures and intricacies of buying and selling shares throughout India for NRI's.

There are 70,000 Indians in Bahrain, of which about 3,000 are NRI investors, according to Rajeev Shaney, a committee member.

Meanwhile, the Non-Resident Indian Group-Bahrain will be sending a strong team to the forthcoming

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International Bond Highlights

LONDON—Austria is issuing a 30 billion yen Eurobond due January 17, 1994 paying 4-3/4 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager IBB International Ltd said. (RTZN 1003)
 London—The Australian Wheat Board is issuing a 200 mil US dlr Eurobond due December 20, 1993 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 101-5/8 pct, lead manager Swiss Bank Corporation International said. (RTZI 0908)
 Paris—The Bank of France said it will offer for tender between one and 1-1/2 billion francs of Credit Local de France Caecl SA bonds on November 24. (RTZN 1502)
 London—Norges Kommunalbank is issuing a 70 mil dlr Eurobond due March 19, 1990 paying 9-1/2 pct and priced at 100-225 pct, lead manager Yamaichi International (Europe) Ltd said. (RTZO 1065)
 London—Skopbank (Cayman) Ltd is issuing a 65 mil Australian dlr Eurobond due December 8, 1989 paying 14-3/4 pct and priced at 100-95 pct, sole lead manager Banque Panbras capital markets said. (RTZP 1049)
 Frankfurt—Andelsbanken A/S of Copenhagen is launching a 140 mil mark seven-year Eurobond with six-pct coupon, lead manager DG Bank Deutsche Genossenschaftsbank said. (RTZO 1046)

Interbank Rates

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PAR	7-11/16 13/16	7-15/16 8-1/16	8-1/8 1/4	
ZUR	3-5/8 5-7/8	4-1/4	4-1/8 4-3/8	
BXR	5.45	7-1/8 3/16	7-3/16 1/4	
RON	10-5/8 11-1/8	11-5/8 12-1/8	11-1/2 1/2	
AWS	5.25/31	5.25/31	5.31/41	
TOK	3.4250 6875	4.1875 2500	4.3750 4375	
ECU	7.25 7.50	7.43 7.56	7.62 7.75	
		6-5/8	7-1/16	

BOMBAY

	PR.CLOSE	OPEN	CLOSE	GLINDTA	97	96.50	94	NICO	650	640	650
SIA PAINT	388.50	385	391	GRASIN	61	61.50	60.50	MURKAN	123	123	128
MR.RAYON	221.25	217.50	227.50	GSFC	155	153.75	158.75	OKRAY	41.50	44	44
EXPLOVING	367.50	365	370	HINDALCO	83	82.50	84	PEICO	32	32	33
RE INDEX	115.50	113	115	HINDCOCA	122	120	126.25	PETRAUTO	56.50	56	55.50
INTERSPG	1495	1480	1480	INDRAYON	88	86.50	86	SIEMENS	108	108	105
EPAKPERT	48.50	48.25	51	ITC	49	47	49	STOMILLS	345	350	340
ROTEL	57.50	55	60	JKSYNTH	91	92	94	TATA PHR	377.50	385	407.50
KEFAT	151.25	150	153.75	L AND T	132	134.50	132.50	TATACHEM	109	108	108
JK. POLY	31	30.50	31	MARINDRA	117.50	117	117.50	TELECO	775	780	762.50
SHIP	43.75	43.50	43	MATHEN PL	68.75	68.75	71.25	VOLTAS	560	560	530

FRANKFURT

STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE	STOCK	LAST PR-CLOSE
G	186.0	185.1	AJIMOMOTO	3060	3100	NITSUB CP	1350	1340	NITSUB EL	927	925
LTANZ VR	1776.0	1744.0	AKAI ELEC	586	580	NITSUB EST	2970	2950	NITSUB RVY	1000	995
DEMMERK	0	181.0	AOKI	1000	1010	NITSUB CO	943	940	NITSUB KOSHI	2050	2090
SPY	275.6	273.2	ASAHI GLS	1940	1920	NITSUMI EL	950	955	NITSUMI EL	1130	1120
TER HYP	298.0	295.8	ASAHI OPT	645	640	NITSUMI SE	977	1010	NITSUMI SEC	1750	1740
TER VER	367.0	365.0	BANK TOKYO	1600	1550	NITSUMI SEC	1750	1740	NITSUMI SEC	1870	1880
C	328.0	329.5	BRIDGESTON	1300	1280	NITSUMI SEC	1870	1880	NITSUMI SEC	1950	1975
F	405.0	405.0	CANON	1310	1320	NITSUMI SEC	1950	1975	NITSUMI SEC	2050	2070
M	526.0	524.0	CASIO COMP	1250	1300	NITSUMI SEC	2050	2070	NITSUMI SEC	2150	2170
W	293.3	293.8	CHUGAI PHM	1480	1480	NITSUMI SEC	2150	2170	NITSUMI SEC	2250	2270
WIMERZK	1271.7	1270.0	CITIZEN W	798	818	NITSUMI SEC	2250	2270	NITSUMI SEC	2350	2370
MTI GUM	57.50	55	D-ICHI KAN	3200	3160	NITSUMI SEC	2350	2370	NITSUMI SEC	2450	2470
IMER BEN	742.0	744.2	DAI HIP IK	886	900	NITSUMI SEC	2450	2470	NITSUMI SEC	2550	2570
UTSC BNK	516.5	516.5	DAI NIP PT	2600	2600	NITSUMI SEC	2550	2570	NITSUMI SEC	2650	2670
REEDER	395.0	395.0	DAI NIP SE	900	910	NOMURA SEC	3820	3690	NOMURA SEC	3920	3900
REEDER	296.7	296.5	DAI NIP TO	1230	1220	OBA CO	830	820	OBA CO	930	920
REEDER	159.8	158.5	DAI NIP TO	781	790	OLYMPUS	1030	1020	OLYMPUS	1130	1120
REEDER	273.0	273.0	DAI NIP TO	2420	2360	PIONEER	2970	2910	PIONEER	3070	3010
REEDER	337.0	336.0	DAI NIP TO	1040	900	REITA DCM	1990	1980	REITA DCM	2090	2080
REEDER	415.0	411.0	DAI NIP TO	1960	1930	REITA DCM	2090	2080	REITA DCM	2190	2170
ECNST AG	299.0	298.5	EISAI	1450	1470	REITA DCM	2190	2170	REITA DCM	2290	2270
ESCI	170.5	170.0	FUJITSU	3390	3300	REITA DCM	2290	2270	REITA DCM	2390	2370
RTEN	222.0	216.0	FUJI BANK	3200	3200	REITA DCM	2390	2370	REITA DCM	2490	2470
SSEL HLD	450.0	446.0	FUJI PHOTO	1590	1630	SEKISUI PB	1910	1870	SEKISUI PB	2010	1970
J SALZ	147.5	145.5	FUJITA CP	810	799	SHARP	1000	1000	SHARP	1100	1080
WHD	418.5	415.0	HITACHI	1510	1530	SHISEIDO	1650	1670	SHISEIDO	1750	1770
WHD	131.0	131.5	HONDA MOT	1910	1890	SONY	6280	6310	SONY	7280	7310
ECK W	106.00	106.00	ISETAN	2190	2150	SUMITOMO	0	1200	SUMITOMO	2290	2270
DE	702.0	701.0	JAP SYN TR	1000	1020	TAISEI CH	0	2410	TAISEI CH	1110	1100
DE-HANSA	144.0	144.8	JAPAN AIR	15600	15800	TEIJIN	0	765	TEIJIN	1610	1600
DE-HANSA	218.2	217.0	JAPAN NET	805	767	TKO NEW IX	266.10	252.11	TKO NEW IX	276.10	272.11
DE-HANSA	192.5	189.0	KAJIMA	1790	1780	TORAY IND	0	850	TORAY IND	1890	1870
EDES	619.5	616.0	KANSAI EL	4050	4080	TOYOTA MRN	0	2520	TOYOTA MRN	4110	4090
ILLES	328.0	331.0	KAO SOAP	1750	1730	TOYOTA PHR	0	1020	TOYOTA PHR	4110	4090
KOF PF	367.0	378.5	KAMASAKI H	841	850	TOYOTA GAS	0	1520	TOYOTA GAS	4110	4090
K HYD	26.50	26.90	KANASAKI S	1060	1080	TOYOTA PHR	0	7060	TOYOTA PHR	4110	4090
IP KON	616.5	616.8	KIRIN BREW	1990	1890	TOYOTA PHR	0	7060	TOYOTA PHR	4110	4090
ICHE	576.0	570.0	KONATSU	870	866	TOYOTA PHR	0	2050	TOYOTA PHR	4110	4090
WHD	172.8	172.0	KUBATO LTD	925	924	TOYOTA PHR	0	2540	TOYOTA PHR</td		

Gold prices slip

Bush deficit comments hit dollar

LONDON, Nov 21, (Reuters): President-elect George Bush sent the dollar sliding again today when he said there would be no change in his "no new taxes" policy for cutting America's budget deficit.

Bush's campaign pledge not to raise new taxes is the latest reason given by currency dealers for the way that confidence in the US economy and in the dollar has ebbed in recent days.

They say they can't see how else he can cut a budget deficit of around \$150 billion — and speculative selling of the dollar resumed today when he told reporters that, while cutting the deficit was a top priority, he would not change his view about an incentive.

"This gave dealers an incentive to throw out the dollar," a European operator said.

The dollar slipped to close in London at 121.90 yen and 1.7265 West German marks, down from 122.65 and 1.7350 on Friday.

A sharp fall by the dollar last week brought leading central banks repeatedly into the open market to buy dollars and try to stabilise the exchange rate of the currency in which most of the world does business.

European currency dealers said the market was wary of selling too hard today in case the central banks came back in. The feeling in Frankfurt was that

West Germany's Bundesbank would move if the dollar slipped to 1.7250 marks.

The dollar is down by around two per cent since the Nov 8 US election and 10 per cent since the summer, although it is still above historic lows touched at the start of this year.

Currency trading today was thin ahead of a holiday in Japan on Wednesday and Thursday's US Thanksgiving Day.

In stock markets, Tokyo moved to a record close for the seventh straight session buoyed by the strong yen which seems certain to continue to rise. The Nikkei average made a 104-point gain to 29,284.

But Wall Street eased in thin trading taking the Dow Jones Industrial Average down 17.42 to 2,044.99 by New York's mid-day.

Gold prices slipped to the lowest afternoon fix in London's bullion market for three weeks at \$415.95 an ounce, down almost \$4 from Friday.

One reason is that oil prices are weak, robbing gold of its allure as a hedge against inflation.

Typical North Sea crude continued to trade just below \$12 a barrel today, a dollar down from a week ago.

Petroleum traders are sceptical whether OPEC talks in progress in Vienna will resolve a

dispute between Iraq and Iran and strike a deal to curb output and ease the prevailing glut.

The spotlight, however, remained on the US economy and the impact that anxiety about it is having on the dollar.

US Senate minority leader Robert Dole today described the budget deficit as the greatest threat to the world economy.

"The single biggest threat to our economy and the world economy is the budget deficit," Dole, a Republican, said at a meeting with foreign businessmen in Jakarta, Indonesia.

"About 15 percent of the budget is interest on the debt, and that's gone up from seven per cent 10 years ago," Dole said. "If we address the deficit it will send the right signal around to our economy and the world's."

Dealers

European dealers did not react much to news that Bush named former deputy Treasury Secretary Richard Darman as director of the office of management and budget. Darman, 45, is a hardened veteran of top-level White House policy battles.

There had earlier been worries, though, that former Reagan adviser Martin Feldstein would get a major role. Feldstein sent the dollar down last week when he said it needed to drop by 20 per cent in the next three years to correct the US trade gap.

In London, share prices

stepped near the day's lows in late trading, having eased in response to a lower trend on Wall Street. But selling interest was minimal against a background of modest overall turnover.

At 1619 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was six points off at 1,817.4 on turnover of 303.3 million shares.

Dealers said nervousness over Wall Street's near-term path and hesitancy ahead of UK October balance of payments figures due on Friday were keeping investors on the sidelines.

Attention

The UK equity market's attention in the short-term will be fixed on Wall Street's path with news expected on Tuesday on US October consumer prices and earnings as well as a statement on the federal budget.

Traders will be watching out for fresh sharp dollar declines if either set of information unsettles the US currency.

One dealer said: "The next resistance point on the FTSE index looks to be 1,800 and after that 1,780. If it goes through 1,780 there could be a bloodbath."

Lonrho stood out with a 18p fall to 393 reflecting an unwinding of positions opened by speculators after rumoured stake building or a bid for the company failed to materialise.

Traders said today's decline reflected misgivings about Australian Bond Corp's ability to

mount a offer for Lonrho after weekend press reports suggested Bond's current borrowings would prohibit such a move. Bond Corp presently holds a 20.6 per cent stake in Lonrho.

Grand Metropolitan closed 5p down at 452. The drinks to hotels group today said it had raised its stake in bid target Irish Distillers to 29.95 per cent from 27.8 per cent.

Grand Met today was refused leave to appeal by the takeover panel against its ruling that IDG shareholders do not have to relinquish their acceptances of French drinks group Pernod Ricard's agreed 450 Irish pence per share offer for IDG. IDG rejected Grand Met's hostile 525 Irish pence per share bid.

Piessey, which last week rejected a hostile £1.7 billion joint bid from GEC and Siemens, was 2p down at 223 as the market awaited defence moves from the company.

Ranks Hovis McDougall ended 4p firmer at 366 ahead of full year figures expected tomorrow. RHM said in August its annual pretax profit would rise 34 per cent to not less than £156 million.

RHM made its August profits forecast as part of its defence against a hostile bid from Goodman Fielder Wattie. Goodman's bid failed, leaving the company with a near 30 per cent stake in RHM.



Traders flash finger signs at the Tokyo Stock Exchange yesterday as the main market index soared to a record high just before the midday close. Stocks surged 176.99 points to end trading at 29,357.19, the seventh straight record close. (Reuter wirephoto)

Iraq, Iran still at loggerheads

(Continued from Page 1)
Vienna headquarters for another formal session.

"If by tomorrow OPEC ministers do not reach a solution, it will be time to pack their bags and go home," said Naumaj Barakat, analyst at New York-based Prudential-Bache Securities.

"At the moment we are still at square one, but nobody has the courage to say it."

The main progress appears to have been keeping Iran and Iraq at the bargaining table, only the second time the two ministers have held talks together since August's Gulf war ceasefire.

"We're still talking about how to find a way out," Chalabi told reporters. "I hope there will be a solution."

But he signalled no softening of his stance. "Our position is very clear," he said.

Aghazadeh, seen as one of Tehran's hardliners, was also adamant he would not climb down and insisted that Iran, historically a bigger producer, should keep a higher quota.

The tone of the meeting was, however, conciliatory, with Saudi Arabian Minister Hisham Nazer playing down fears of deadlock. "We have made lots of progress," he said.

"In all honesty, we are working very, very hard. Each one of us does not like the current situation."

But without a solution to the Iran-Iraq quota dispute, OPEC may hardly begin to tackle a host of other problems.

"Oil markets continued to slide in all directions as the group of oil producers were



Aghazadeh (left), Dr Ramzi Salam Abdul Hussain of Iraq and Al Chalabi (right) at the OPEC meeting in Vienna. (Reuter wirephoto)

still at loggerheads.

OPEC's key Middle East crude, Dubai, shed 10 cents to \$9.75 which is about eight dollars below the now largely academic reference price set two years ago.

Lukman said in his opening remarks: "The spectre of the 1986 oil crisis looms large over not only oil producers but also consuming countries."

Oil prices slumped in 1986 during an earlier spate of OPEC overproduction. Dubai crude went as low as \$6.75 then before an unlikely alliance of Saudi Arabia and Iran helped the group to forge a new output pact.

The scene is now set for two more days of hard bargaining, but signs were emerging today that both sides were becoming increasingly reluctant to talk to OPEC mediators.

Since Thursday last week ministers from Algeria, Indonesia, Nigeria, Venezuela and Libya have each tried to persuade Aghazadeh to agree to quota parity, but without success.

Delegation sources said Agazadeh made it clear to Libyan Minister Fawzi Shakshouki before today's formal OPEC session that he now wanted to sit down with the key players in person — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and perhaps also Iraq.

Given the apparently inflexible stance of Iraq, the thrust of OPEC's efforts has been to find a formula that Iran's delegation can "sell" at home in Tehran.

The most widely discussed package requires Aghazadeh to accept quota parity with Iraq but also to accept a production ceiling for the whole group. That would be likely to drive up prices which would please Iran, traditionally a pricing "hawk."

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUWAIKH PORT ON NOV. 21

B.No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel. No.
2	Zarka	Gb & Q	4747815
3	Jifra	KSA	4843150
5	Ibn Abdoun	KSA	4843150
8	Tug Ahu Samir	Gulf Star	4845501
9	Barge Jubail	Gulf Star	4845501
15	Atlantic Reefer	Sager	2432692
19	Splendid Harvest	Bader & Bah	2433537
20	Dakko Maru	Albadar	2433537

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUWAIKH PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
21/11	Ibn Al Roomi	KSA	4843150
22/11	Hual Carrancita	A. M. Bahar	2459891
22/11	Vasily Belokonenko	Alrashed	2422026

SHIPS DISCHARGING AT SHUAIBA PORT

B. No.	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
2	Golden Bear	MA Bahar	2433881
3	UCO XVII	Sager Shaheen	2432692
10	Captain Ali	Sager	2423692
12	Korana	MA Bahar	2459891
14	River Tyne	RSMS	2423642
16	Rhein Express	MA Bahar	2433881
NBH3	Tug Gulf Master	Sager Shaheen	2432692
NBH3	Barge Dong AH-303	Sager Shaheen	2432692

SHIPS EXPECTED AT SHUAIBA PORT

ETA	Ships Name	Agent	Tel.
O'Due	Blue Star	Gb & Q	4747815
20/11	Sea Star-L	Sager Shaheen	2432692
21/11	Great Liberty	AI Kamal	2425437
25/11	Freight Trader	MA Bahar	2459891
26/11	Dubai	UASC	4843150
27/11	AI Mirqah	UASC	4843150
28/11	Quincy	Bairwil	4842988
28/11	Oktay Taarik	RSMS	2432692

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GOVERNMENT TENDERS

Tender No. MEW/22/4/74/88/88

Concerned party: Kuwait Oil Company

Requirements: Removal of sand drifts services in Western area — Kuwait

Relevant fee: KD 40/-

Initial guarantee: 2-1/2% of offer's value

Closing date: 12.00 noon, Sunday, 25/12/88

N.B.: A pre-tender meeting shall be at Ahmadia Union Centre on 3.12.88 to visit the site and discuss the tenders conditions.

This tender is open for competent contractors only.

Tender No. M/1988/47

Tender's internal No. 303/88

Concerned party: Ministry of Elec. & Water

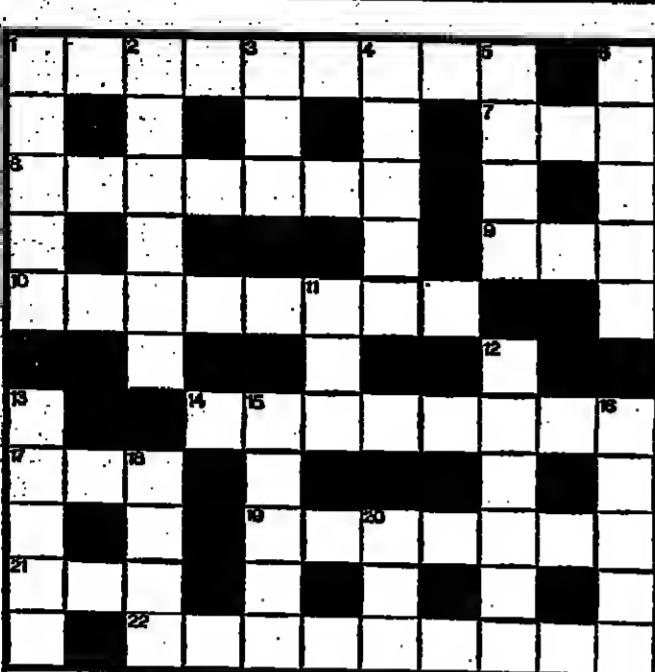
Requirements: Cleaning works of 147 main stations in southern area

Relevant fee: KD 20/-

Initial guarantee: 5% of offer's value

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CROSSWORD



Across

- 1 Speech of some length (9)
- 2 It's used for road repairs (3)
- 3 Chosen by vote (7)
- 4 A carrier for bricks (3)
- 10 Laid particular emphasis (8)
- 11 Daughter of a king (3)
- 17 Product of fire (3)
- 19 Pleasing to the ear (7)
- 21 Backwards in time (3)
- 22 Soldiers who abandon their posts (9)

Down

- 1 To put on clothing (5)
- 2 Spanish wine (6)
- 3 To make a choice (3)
- 4 A line of hills (5)
- 5 Make a design with acid (4)
- 6 A wife on her wedding-day (5)
- 11 A long, narrow snow-shoe (3)
- 12 To save from disaster (6)
- 13 Dish consisting of cold vegetables (5)
- 15 Shows playfulness (5)
- 16 Under-parts of the feet (5)
- 18 Covering for the head (4)
- 20 Respectful way of addressing a man (3)

Solution on Thursday



Can you draw the other half of Ossie Owl?

Continued from Thursday

It had brass knobs at the top and brass knobs at the bottom; the old woman had never seen a bed like that before. And when she got up and looked out of the window, it was a big house, and it was in the middle of the town, and there were white steps up to the door and men and maids to wait on her, and a carriage and pair to go driving in.

Well, the old woman was pleased. But she never thought to say "Thank you" to the fairy.

Well, the fairy she went east and she went west, and she went north and she went south, and one day she came back to the town where the old woman was living in the big house, in the middle of the town, with white steps up to the door and men and maids to wait on her, and a carriage and pair to go driving in.

Well, the fairy was disappointed because she did think she would have been pleased. But she said, "Well-l-i-l, never you mind. When you go to bed

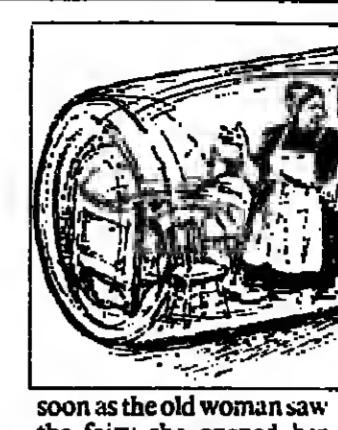
tonight, just you turn round three times, and when you wake up in the morning you'll see what you'll see."

So the old woman went to sleep in the grand bed with the brass knobs at the top and the brass knobs at the bottom, in the big house, in the middle of the town, with white steps up to the door, and men and maids to wait on her, and a carriage and pair to go driving in. And she turned round three times, and when she woke up in the morning — she was in the grandest bed that ever was seen, with a red satin coverlet, and there was a red velvet carpet by the side of the bed, and a gold crown on a table all ready to put on when she dressed. So the old woman got up and dressed and put on the

gold crown, and walked on the red velvet carpet, and there was a gold throne to sit on. And the old woman was pleased. But she never thought to say "Thank you" to the fairy.

Well, the fairy she went east and she went west, and she went south, and one day she came back to the town where the old woman was living in the palace, with a gold crown on her head and a gold throne to sit on and a red velvet carpet to walk on. And the fairy said to herself, "I'll go and take a look at her. She will be pleased."

So she walked right in at the palace door, and up the red velvet stairs till she came to where the old woman was sitting on a gold throne with a gold crown on her head. And as



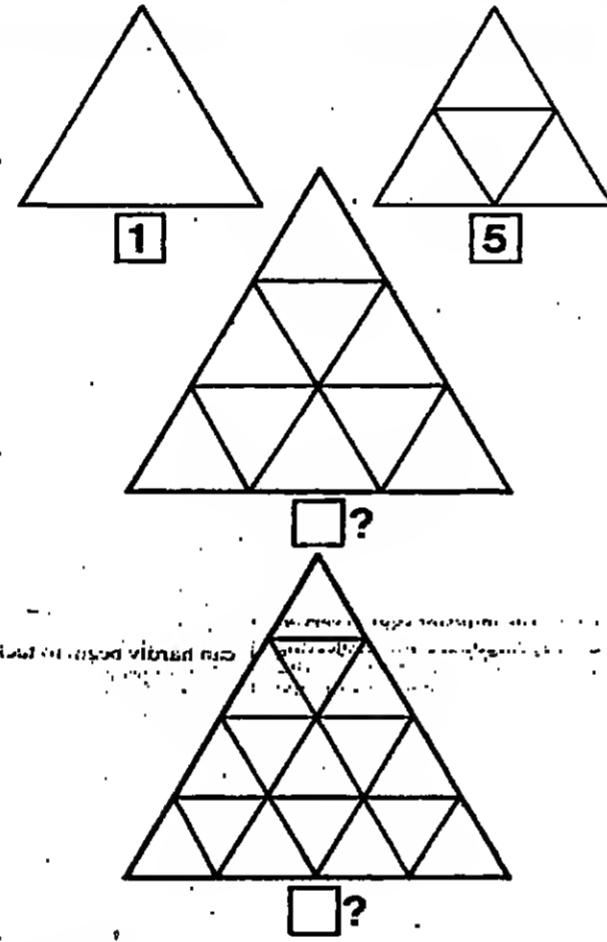
wake up in the morning you'll see what you'll see," said the fairy.

So the old woman went to bed that night in the palace, in the big bed with the red satin coverlet and the red velvet carpet by the side of the bed, and the gold crown on a table all ready to put on in the morning. And she turned round three times (there was plenty of room to do it).

"Oh, very well," said the fairy. "If all you want is just house to suit you, when you go to bed tonight, just you turn round three times, and when you

she stayed there the rest of her life!

How many triangles are there in all — counting big and small ones? We've done the first two, to show you. Can you do the next two?



Jumping coin

The illusion:

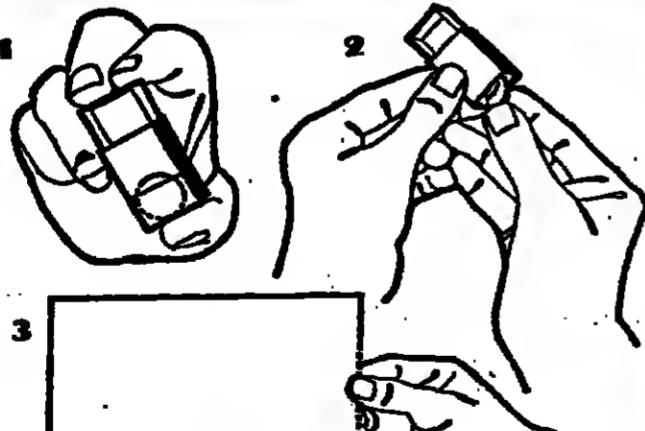
An empty matchbox is placed on top of someone's head and is balanced there as a coin is sealed inside an envelope. The envelope is placed on a second person's head who stands at least three feet away. A clasp of the hands and the magic is done. The envelope is torn open and shown to be empty, and the missing coin is found inside the closed matchbox.

The preparation:

Push the drawer of a matchbox about two-thirds of the way out of its cover. Slide a penny into the opposite end of the cover and wedge it between the inner end of the drawer and the top of the cover. (1). Prepare the envelope by slitting almost the entire length of one end with a sharp razor blade. (2). Have a duplicate coin in your pocket and you're ready to do the trick.

The trick:

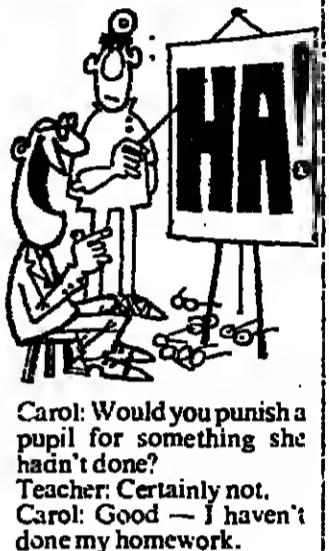
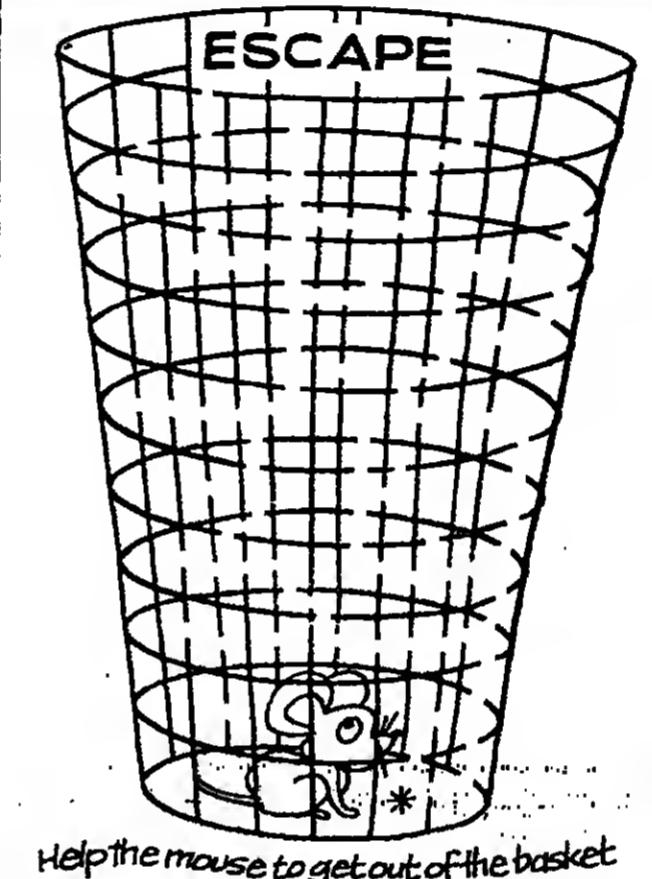
Show the inside of the empty matchbox by holding it toward the audience



and with the drawer rising above the cover, thumb on the bottom, fingers on the top. Close the box by gently sliding the drawer down into the cover (3). Ask someone to imitate a magician's table and as you place the box on top of his or her head, squeeze the sides of the box to free the coin. Remove the penny from your pocket, show it, and drop it into the envelope, making sure the slit end is held slightly higher than the other. Now as you seal the envelope tilt it in the other direction so that the penny secretly slides into your

waiting fingers (4). Gently put the envelope on a second person's head to also use their talents as a table.

Clap your hands to create the magic force. Remove the envelope from "Table No. 2," tear off the slit end, and let the person examine the envelope. Without going near "Table No. 1" have the person take the box from his or her head and open it. There is the missing coin. Well, if you call it the missing coin, they'll believe you!



How can you tell an elephant from a monster? A monster never remembers.

What is the difference between a cold and a hot driver? One knows the stops, the other stops the nose.

What do you say when you bump into a dolphin? Tell him you didn't do it on purpose.

What kind of fish performs operations? A sturgeon.

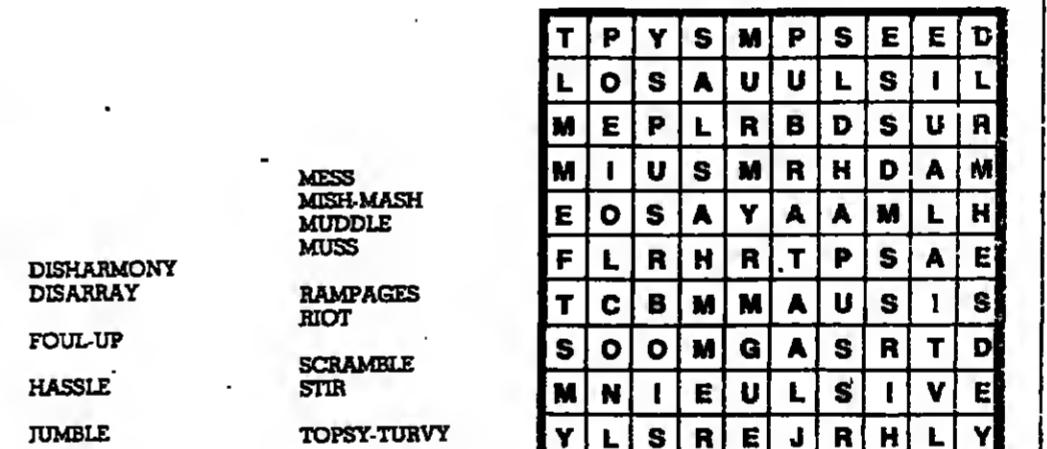
What makes you think the surgeon doesn't like people? He kept sticking the knife in them.

Why did Mickey Mouse go into space? He wanted to find Pluto.

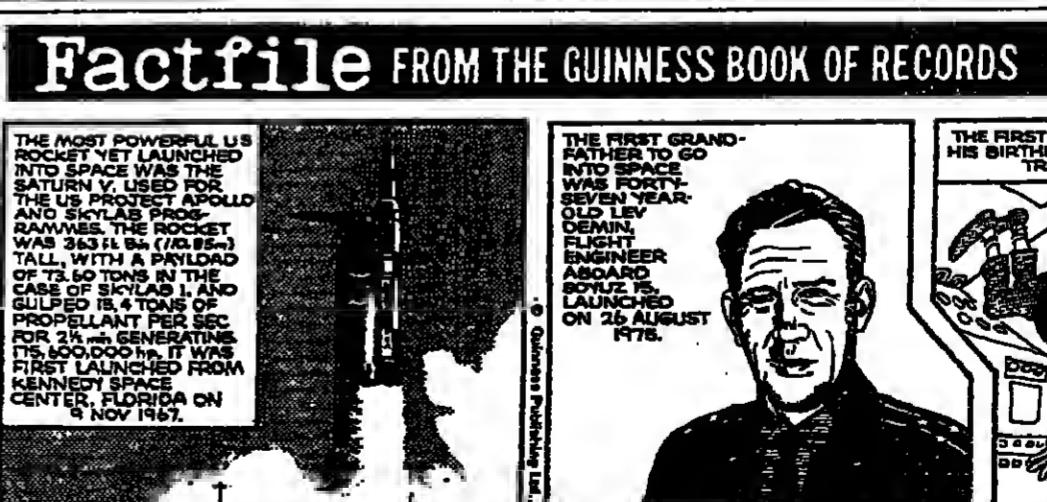
How does an intruder get into the house? Intruder window.

What do you get if an axe chops you on the head? A splitting headache.

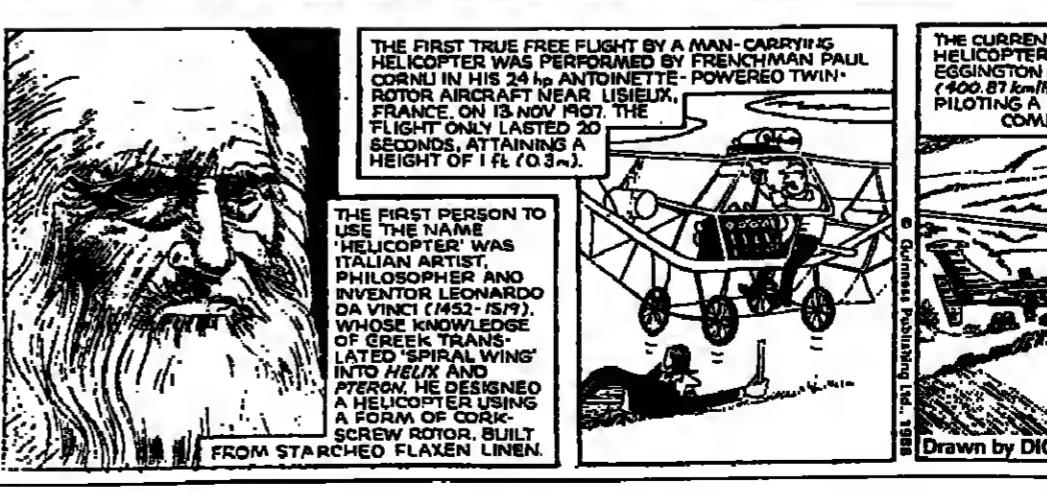
OUT OF ORDER



Clue: In disarray (4,4 letters)



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THE FIRST GRANDFATHER TO GO INTO SPACE WAS A FORTY-SEVEN YEAR-OLD FRENCH FLIGHT ENGINEER AND ASTRONAUT, PIERRE JULIEN. IT WAS SHUTTLE PLATZ 15. LAUNCHED ON 26 AUGUST 1978.

THE FIRST ASTRONAUT TO BE LAUNCHED ON HIS BIRTHDAY WAS SHUTTLE PILOT RICHARD TRUSS, ON 12 NOV 1981.

Drawn by DICK MILLINGTON



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SPORTS

Choi wins Toyota golf trophy

S.W. CHOI, of South Korea, surprised the large number of competitors who played for the Toyota Trophy at the Hunting & Equestrian Club on Friday by winning this steeplechase event with a score of 40 points.

Choi, who coaches Kuwait's national volleyball team and started golf only two months ago, tied S.S. Meng (12) at 40 points. He was declared the winner on the basis of a countback—his 22 points on his back 9 were one better than Meng's 21.

The Toyota Trophy was introduced for the first time this year by Toyota's Kuwait agent Mohammed Naser Al Sayer & Sons Establishment. The competition attracted one of the largest entries ever at an event at the H&E Club.

66 golfers, including ladies, teed-off to a shotgun start and soon found themselves having to cope with a strong wind which lasted throughout most of the afternoon.

The leading scores, particularly Adnan Assaf's are testimony to the leaders' ability to play the wind.

Included

Assaf, potentially the best player in the H&E stable, who currently plays off 7, produced a creditable 74 which included an out-of-bounds on the 18th hole, for his 39 steeplechase points and the 3rd position. One point behind at 38 was B.G. Kim who was followed by D. Greg, H. Rolf and J.H. Kim, all at 37.

Although Assaf's errant drive on the 18th cost him the title, he was easy winner of the nearest-to-the-pin prize, on the 2nd, being almost the only player to make the brown in one in the strong wind. His drive on the 14th, however, was out long enough to bag him the prize for the long drive as well. The much improved and hard working Suhail Gidwani, who has been knocking on the doors of glory for sometime now, hit a massive 320 yards (only 30 yards short of the 14th brown), out driving Adnan by 10 yards and, in the process, joined the big boys.

Among the ladies, Valentina Henderstrom, who has made the long drive her personal monopoly, established her versatility, by winning the nearest-to-the-pin on the 13th. Brett won the prize for the longest drive, comfortably out distancing Sigrid Swaray on the 11th.

M. Mathews, general manager of Mohammed Naser Al Sayer & Sons Establishment, presented the prizes.

Drug test

WEST BERLIN, Nov 21, (AP): An Italian three-day event rider tested positive for drugs in the Seoul Olympics but the tests were not carried out correctly, the general secretary of the International Equestrian Federation (FEI) said yesterday.

Fritz Widmer of Switzerland told reporters at the West Berlin horse show that the first analysis of the probe showed positive.

But some mistakes had shown up in the testing process so that it was doubtful if the rider would be punished, he added.

Australian boxer

MELBOURNE, Australia, Nov 21, (AP): Promoter Bill Morley today unveiled plans that could take Australian boxer Jeff Fenech to a fourth world title and a million dollar meeting with Barry McGuigan.

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ARGENTINE STAR SCORES BIGGEST CAREER WIN

Sabatini tames Shriver for title



Sabatini with her trophy. (Reuter wirephoto)

NEW YORK, Nov 21, (Reuter): Gabriela Sabatini won the biggest title of her career by beating Pam Shriver 7-5 6-2 6-2 yesterday in the final of the million-dollar women's tennis championships that signal the end of the 1988 tour.

The normally reserved Sabatini often punched the air with a clenched fist after stroking a "winner" and shouting encouragement to herself throughout the two-hour 20-minute match.

The fourth-seeded Sabatini, who entered the match with a 3-5 record against Shriver, called it her biggest win ever.

Snapped

"It was the best week I've had in my life," said the fourth-seeded Argentine, who won \$125,000. "I have to say that today is the best tennis I've ever played."

Sabatini's straight-set triumph snapped an impressive upset streak by Shriver. The fifth-seeded American ended the 46-match win streak of world number one Steffi Graf in the

semifinals after beating third seed Chris Evert in the quarterfinals.

In the hard-fought opening set, Sabatini and Shriver exchanged service breaks in the third and fourth games, and Sabatini broke again for a 4-3 lead over Shriver double-fault.

Shriver saved a set point in the 10th game when she stabbed a forehand volley into the open court and finally broke Sabatini on her fifth break point. But Shriver appeared drained, dropping her serve in the 11th game and letting Sabatini take the net twice in the 12th game to win the

set.

Shriver struggled with her serve, her biggest weapon for the rest of the match. She doublefaulted to break point in the first game of the second set and was broken in three of four service games in the second set.

Sabatini kept the momentum by breaking first in the third set for a 2-1 lead when Shriver hit a volley wide. Shriver saved a break point in the fifth game to pull to 2-3 but Sabatini swept the

last three games for the match.

Shriver said she had problems with Sabatini's topspin groundstrokes throughout the match.

"Who you don't see heavy topspin that much, it takes a little bit of getting used to. I have to be able to handle the spin more on my volleys," Shriver said. "She was also hitting them incredibly well today."

Shriver said the 11th game of the first set was critical.

"The biggest game of the match was after I broke her for 5-5. I had to hold serve in the next game," she said.

Schedule

Her victory in the only best-of-five women's final on the schedule took the 18-year-old Sabatini over the million-dollar mark in winnings for 1988.

"The best thing is to end the year with a big victory like this. That's going to make me more eager to practice for next year," said Sabatini, whose best previous major tournament showing was as runner-up to Graf at this year's US Open.

McEnroe sails past Krickstein for crown



McEnroe reacts after winning a point. (Reuter wirephoto)

DETROIT, Nov 21, (Reuter): John McEnroe beat Aaron Krickstein to win the World Championship Tennis (WTC) tournament yesterday but stood by his decision not to compete next week in Brussels in hopes of qualifying for the Masters championship.

"It's tempting," said McEnroe after defeating Krickstein 7-5 6-2 for the \$59,500 winner's prize. "I know I could get a wild card entry and I feel I can win." "But mentally I'm starting to get tired and I do not want to run the risk of injury by playing for three more weeks."

The victory gave McEnroe his 72nd career title but only his second Grand Prix championship this year.

Mats Wilander, Boris Becker, Stefan Edberg, Andre Agassi and Ivan Lendl have clinched spots. Jimmy Connors (2,668 points) and Tim Mayotte (2,653) look pretty solid for the sixth and seventh spots.

McEnroe earned 400 points yesterday, giving him 2,173. He would have had to win in Brussels, worth 475 points, to have a slim chance at making the Masters.

Frenchman Henri Leconte (2,438) Swiss Jakob Hlasek, who won yesterday's South African final (2,315), and Krickstein (2,315) are in the race for a berth in the elite tournament.

Leconte and Hlasek will compete in Brussels, while Krickstein plays the Itaparica tournament in Brazil this week.

"Anything can happen," said Krickstein.

41 entries for Dubai rally

KUWAIT'S Tariq Al Wazzan and Eid Fallah will be aiming to enhance their growing reputations in next month's Emirates Dubai International Rally, which brings the 1988 FISA Middle East championship to a climax.

Al Wazzan, partnered by Khalid Khalifa, and Fallah, accompanied by Saeed Ashkanani, will both go into action in Dubai in Range Rovers.

The final entry list released yesterday by the organising Al Nasr Motor Sports Club revealed a starting line-up of 41 cars for the 927-km two-day event which roars to life Dec 1.

Heading the 25-vehicle UAE challenge is Dubai's Mohammed Bin Sulayem, the defending champion who is currently lying second in the race for the regional title which he has won twice in a row.

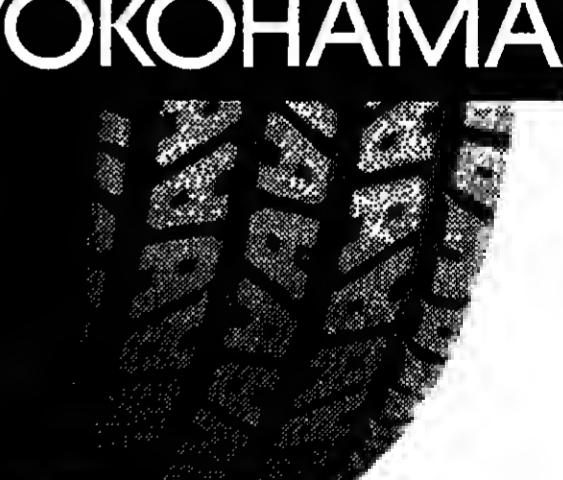
But while Toyota Team Middle East were quick to enter Sulayem, who missed the previous round in Oman because of injury but expects to be given the all-clear to compete in Dubai, they have still not earned their second driver.

Leading the championship by five points, Saeed Al Hajri, an early entry by the Rothmans Rally team, is one of five Qataris taking part.

Amid the rivals Al Hajri faces as he attempts to clinch a third regional crown will be his brother Mubarak, who drives a team Mitsubishi Pajero.

Completing the field is an event carrying prize money of nearly Dh200,000, are the tales Michel Salach and Nahil Karam from Lebanon, lone Saudi Arabia challenger Mohammed Al Makti, and India's Pradeep Nair.

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AMBROSE TAKES TOURISTS TO NINE-WICKET WIN

West Indies overwhelm Australia

BRISBANE, Australia, Nov. 21. (Reuter): West Indies proved their overwhelming superiority over Australia by cruising to a nine-wicket victory in the first cricket Test today.

The touring side scored the 63 runs needed for victory to mid-afternoon of the fourth day after earlier dismissing Australia for 289 in their second innings.

Despite the large margin of victory, Australia showed further signs of recovery today after hitting rock bottom during the first three days of the match.

Dismissed

Australia, resuming at 200 for six, appeared heading for an innings defeat when Ian Healy and Tony Dodemaide were dismissed in quick succession to reduce the home side to 212 for eight. They needed 227 to make West Indies bat again.

But pace partners Craig McDermott and Chris Matthews put on 56 runs, showing the Australian upper hand how best to handle the West Indies pace attack.

The two watched every ball carefully but refused to be intimidated, using power and the full face of the bat to deal with anything slightly loose.

Matthews hit five fours in his



Ambrose with his Man of the Match award. (Reuter wirephoto)

32 before he gave Courtney Walsh his third wicket of the innings. Number 11 Tim May helped McDermott add another 19 runs before he was caught in the gully by Carl Hooper off Courtney Ambrose.

McDermott, who had looked the most composed of all the Australians, scored 32 not out.

Malcolm Marshall took his Test wicket tally to 296 by claiming four for 92 in the innings. Walsh finished with three for 61 and Ambrose, named Man of the

Match for his consistently dangerous bowling, three for 78.

Matthews' moment of glory with the bat was quickly forgotten once he started bowling in the West Indies second innings.

In a repeat of his first innings performance, the left-arm bowler three wides in an extremely erratic spell before having to bobbles off after apparently injuring a back muscle.

Desmond Haynes and Gordon Greenidge put on 43 runs in

just 45 balls before Greenidge was out for 16, caught athletically by wicketkeeper Healy off medium-pacer Dodemaide.

Haynes, who finished with 30 out and Rich Richardson shepherded their side to 63 for one.

Australian captain Allan Border refused to be pessimistic despite the crushing defeat and said he would not be driven to change his team without careful thought.

"If you lose badly the tendency is to look around for other players, but I think the ideal situation is to keep things tight," he said.

"Obviously we've got to discuss it, but hopefully we'll come up with the right solution without too much chopping and changing."

"I don't think we could have played much worse than we did in this game, but maybe that's one good thing... hopefully our form will improve out of sight."

West Indies skipper Viv Richards said: "It's always nice to draw first blood in a five-Test series. (But) it would have been nice to have won without having to bat again."

"When you get guys (McDermott and Matthews) hanging around, it gives others

encouragement for next time. It was a little bit disappointing in that area, but overall it was a magnificent effort."

Scoreboard

AUSTRALIA first innings 167

WEST INDIES first innings 394

AUSTRALIA second innings

D. Boon c Dujon b Marshall 12

G. Marshall b Ambrose 2

M. Veletta c Hooper b Walsh 10

S. Waugh c Haynes b Marshall 90

G. Wood Div b Walsh 0

A. Border c Haynes b Ambrose 41

L. Healy c Ambrose b Marshall 28

C. McDermott not out 32

C. Matthews c Arthurton b Walsh 32

T. May c Hooper b Ambrose 5

Extras (b-4 lb-3 nb-2) 30

Total 63

Fall of wickets 1-142-163-4-65

5-157-6-199 7-212 8-213 9-270

Bowling: Marshall 26-2-92-4 (3 m/s), Anderson 26-1-5-78-3 (15nb), Walsh 19-3-61-2 (Geo), Richards 11-4-26-0, Hooper 4-4-23-0.

WEST INDIES second innings

G. Haynes c Healy b Dodemaide 16

D. Haynes not out 30

R. Richardson not out 7

Extras (b-4 lb-3 nb-3) 10

Total (for one wicket) 63

Fall of wicket 1-43

Did not bat: C. Hooper, V. Richards, G. Logie, J. Dujon, M. Marshall, C. Walsh, C. Ambrose, P. Patterson.

Bowling: McDermott 4-0-12-0

(1nb), Matthews 3.5-1-18-0 (3nb), Dodemaide 5.2-1-15-1, Waugh 6-0-14-0 (1nb).



● HH the Crown Prince and Prime Minister Sheikh Saad Al Abdulla yesterday congratulated Kuwaiti student Adeia Roumi (centre) on her brilliant performance in the Seoul Paralympics which were held last month. Adeia, who won three gold medals, was accompanied to the audience by her mother Karima Al Bassam.

Trail Blazers beat Nets

PORLAND, Oregon, Nov. 21. (AP): Jerome Kersey is still hurting from a sore shoulder and wrist, but the Portland forward overcame the pain against the New Jersey Nets yesterday.

Kersey scored 29 points and grabbed 10 rebounds and Clyde Drexler added 12 of his 27 points in the third quarter as the Portland Trail Blazers defeated the Nets 117-106.

Kersey, who was injured last Tuesday against the Los Angeles Clippers, scored 19 points in the first half, and his six points late in the third period helped Portland open an eight-point lead.

"I almost didn't make this game," said Kersey, who also got five stitches in his forehead when he was knocked to the floor by the Clippers' Benoit Benjamin. "I'm still hurting, but I forget about it when the adrenalin gets going."

"When you get off to a good start, you don't think about the pain," said Kersey, who had 12

points in the first period. "It was my decision to go tonight. I just want to play."

"We had a problem in containing Kersey and Drexler also hurt us," Nets coach Willis Reed said.

"The matchups weren't good all the way around, but it was a credible effort considering how short-handed we were."

Centres Joe Barry Carroll and Keith Lee are injured for the Nets.

Portland led 55-52 at halftime, then built a 92-84 edge in the end of the third period and 97-86 margin with 9:54 left in the game on a hook shot by Steve Johnson and a layup by Craig Neal.

Portland's biggest lead came with 5:14 remaining when Kevin Duckworth's layup and Caldwell Jones' jumper made it 109-96.

Mike McGee led the Nets with 33 points, while Walter Berry added 15. Steve Johnson scored 16 for Portland.

Alen takes RAC Rally lead

TELFORD, England, Nov. 21. (AP): Markku Alen took over as leader of the British RAC Rally today when defending champion and fellow-Finn Juha Kankkunen was stopped by a puncture in the tough forest stages of North Wales.

Twice former world champion Kankkunen, in a four-wheel-drive Toyota Celica, held a 27 seconds lead overnight. He lost three seconds on today's opening 10th stage before being halted when a rear tire blew early into

the 11th stage.

Kankkunen lost almost a minute to Alen and later slipped back a further 10 seconds after the 12th stage. Sweden's Bjorn Waldegaard took over second place in another Toyota.

Alen was 58 seconds clear after 12 of the 52 stages.

Soviet entrant Eugeni Tumulaichus was timed out of the rally this morning after being detained by the police for an alleged traffic offence.

Platini feels frustration of bench

PARIS, Nov. 21. (Reuter): New French national team chief Michel Platini felt all the frustration of sitting on the bench as he watched France surrender the lead twice before losing 3-2 to Yugoslavia in a World Cup qualifier in Belgrade on Saturday.

"I played with them without being on the field," said the former European Footballer of the Year of his first match in charge. Experience

"I rediscovered certain feelings, the joy and disappointment that I used to experience a few months ago. But the hard part is not being able to score."

Platini, who scored a record 41 goals for France before retiring from soccer last year, watched helplessly as his team squandered a 2-1 lead with two defensive lapses in the last 14 minutes.

SPORTS BRIEFS

Bonus pool

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (Reuter): Martina Navratilova earned a top bonus pool check of \$450,000 awarded to the women's tennis tour yesterday for singles and doubles incentives, while Steffi Graf was ineligible for the second consecutive year.

Pass system

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 21. (Reuter): Dutch soccer authorities will introduce an experimental pass system next year in a bid to combat violence at matches, a spokesman for the Dutch Soccer Association KNVB said today.

W. German striker

MUNICH, West Germany, Nov. 21. (Reuter): West German international striker Juergen Klinsmann believes transfer fees for soccer players are an objectionable trade in human beings.

Under-16 soccer

POR-T-OF-SPAIN, Trinidad, Nov. 21. (AP): Trinidad and Tobago scored a 1-0 victory over the United States yesterday in the final game of Group B in the third Concacaf under-16 soccer championship.

Portuguese soccer

LISBON, Nov. 21. (Reuter): Sporting, seeking their first title in six years, beat Portimonense 1-0 at home yesterday to move within a point of Portuguese First Division leaders Benfica.

Soviets lose

LAS VEGAS, Nevada, Nov. 21. (AP): Freshman Guard Anderson Hunt scored 20 points and sophomore forward Stacey Augmon added 15 as No. 10 Nevada-Las Vegas handed the Soviet national team a 94-83 defeat yesterday, its first loss in a nine-game swing across the United States.

Wahala wins

HAMPTON, Georgia, Nov. 21. (AP): Rusty Wallace won another race, but Bill Elliott earned his first Nascar Winston Cup championship with an 11th-place finish yesterday in the Atlanta Journal 500.

NHL games

NEW YORK, Nov. 21. (Reuter): Results of National Hockey League (NHL) games played yesterday.

1. Detroit 5 - Philadelphia 7 - New Jersey 1 - Winnipeg 7 - Edmonton 4 - Vancouver 7 - Chicago 4

Pakistan squash

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan, Nov. 21. (Reuter): Second-round results in the Pakistan President's Gold Cup international squash tournament today prefix numbers denoting endings.

1. Jahan Khan (Pakistan) beat 14-Philip Whittle (Britain) 15-11 15-0 15-1 - Jahan Khan (Pakistan) beat 12-Anders Wahlsledt (Sweden) 15-12 15-7

2. Ross Thorpe (Australia) beat 11-Qamar Zameer (Pakistan) 15-2 15-2 - Rodney Martin (Australia) beat 20-Peter Hill (Singapore) 15-10 15-12 15-15 10

9. Tristan Narancarov (Australia) beat 6-Umar Hyak Khan (Pakistan) 13-15 13-15 15-10 15-11 15-11

5. Chris Robertson (Australia) beat 12-Hiday Jahan (Britain) 15-17 15-5 15-14

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Barcelona beat Oviedo to stay in contention for title

MADRID, Nov. 21. (Reuter): England international Gary Lineker scored his first goal of the season yesterday to help Barcelona defeat Real Oviedo 2-1 and stay firmly in contention for the Spanish League championship.

The away victory keeps Barcelona two points behind reigning champions Real Madrid, who struggled to beat Logrono 1-0 away on Saturday.

Ricardo Bango put Oviedo ahead after only 13 minutes when he skilfully drew Barcelona's veteran goalkeeper Andoni Zubizarreta and pumped a low shot into the net.

Stung into action, Barcelona equalised 12 minutes later when Lineker latched on to a loose ball and shot home through a crowded penalty area.

Striker Julio Salinas secured the points for Barcelona just seconds from the half-time whistle when he scored with a fine volley from less than 10 metres out.

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